Chief Minister Paul Henderson is challenging CLP Leader Terry Mills to stand up for the Territory over the proposed nuclear waste dump at Muckaty Station.

Mr Henderson said Mr Mills must defy his political masters in Canberra, reject the position of the Federal Liberal Party and oppose nuclear waste legislation that would override Territory laws.

“I am in Canberra to re-iterate my opposition to the legislation that will allow a nuclear waste dump to be imposed on the Territory,” Mr Henderson said.

“The selection process for a site should be Australia wide and based on science – not a constitutional weakness.

“Terry Mills needs to show some political courage and call on the Coalition at the Federal level to vote against this legislation.”

The Coalition today said they would support legislation allowing the waste dump to be imposed on the Territory.

Mr Henderson said former CLP leader Shane Stone had always stood up for Territory rights and Terry Mills should do the same thing.

Shane Stone said:

“.it is our right as Territorians to determine our own affairs.” (Barkly News Pictorial April 1998)

“Terry Mills is the first Territory political party leader to fail to stand up for the Territory’s rights.”

Mr Henderson is scheduled to meet the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd during his two day trip to Canberra.

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