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Territory Chief condemns nuclear repeal

The Chief Minister Paul Henderson has expressed strong disappointment over the Federal Government’s introduction of legislation that would override the Territory’s right to refuse a nuclear dump being situated in the top end.

“I am disappointed the Federal Government has decided to push ahead with legislation that will override Territory legislation,” Mr Henderson said.

“The former Howard Government removed our right in relation to environmental and heritage assessments, and our normal rights of administrative appeal.”

“I was informed this week that legislation would be repealed and our environmental heritage and appeal rights would be restored. We have now had a chance to examine the new legislation and this is not the case.”

“The Federal Government’s legislation overrides our nuclear waste transport legislation, environmental laws and heritage laws.”

“I will be expressing my strong view to Canberra that the process should be based on science and the search should be Australia wide,” Mr Henderson said.

The Chief Minister also condemned the CLP, accusing them of abandoning Territorians.

“The CLP were previously opposed to any Federal attempts to override Territory legislation – this is no longer the case with the CLP now back flipping,” Mr Henderson said.

“The leader of the opposition must stand up and show his support for the people of the top end by opposing any Federal attempt at overriding our legislation.”

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