Terry Mills
Leader of the Opposition

*Mill's pledge on nuclear waste*

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A future CLP Government would be immediately moving to review all current methods of disposing of the Territory's low level nuclear waste to ensure that we are meeting best practice world standards, CLP Leader Terry Mills pledged today.

“Given Prime Minister Howard has now said that every state, with federal support, will now be expected to handle its own low-level radioactive waste I would take appropriate action to ensure the Territory's current disposal methods meet the guidelines and principles of international agreements on radioactive waste,” Mr Mills said.

Mr Mills said it was concerning that the Martin Labor Government had so far remained silent as to how it is disposing of the Territory's nuclear waste.

“The Government must allay the concerns of Territorians and tell them how it is currently disposing of the Territory's radioactive waste and what the nature and volume of that waste is?” Mr Mills said.

“I also note that federal Labor has not ruled out the Northern Territory as a possible future site for a national nuclear waste dump if it was elected to govern. The best it has offered up is a need to talk about it.

“Radioactive fuel from NSW, Victoria or any other state being dumped in the Territory is not an option under a CLP Government,” Mr Mills said.

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