The Territory Parliament has today passed a motion condemning the actions of the Federal Government in planning to locate its nuclear waste dump in the Northern Territory.

Acting Chief Minister Syd Stirling said the Territory Parliament supported the Government’s motion which requests that:

- The Commonwealth Government honour their election promise to not locate a nuclear waste dump in the Northern Territory
- The Commonwealth Government respects the sovereignty of the Northern Territory and this Parliament and does not take advantage of the fact that we are a Territory, not a State
- The Commonwealth Government respects the Northern Territory’s legislation banning the transport and disposal of nuclear waste in the Territory
- The Northern Territory members of the Commonwealth Parliament stand up for the Territory and oppose the location of a nuclear waste dump in the Territory and if necessary cross the floor in Parliament and
- The Speaker forwards the terms of this motion and associated debate to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Australian Federal Parliament.

“I’m pleased that the CLP Opposition has recognised how important it is for the whole of Territory Parliament to stand together in opposing this dump,” Mr Stirling said.

“However, it is disappointing that they have ruled out doing the one thing they could do to prevent it and that is pressure the Territory’s Federal CLP representatives Nigel Scullion and Dave Tollner to cross the floor of Parliament.

“The CLP Opposition’s Federal counterparts have failed to stand up for the Territory over this issue – so it’s crucial that Jodeen Carney and her team do.

“On behalf of Territorians, we need to present a strong united front against the Federal Government’s attempts to impose a nuclear dump on the Territory.”

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