GOOD FOR US-BAD FOR THEM

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says the government seems to have two rules when it comes to transporting radio active material.

At today's estimate committee it was said that radio active material had recently been removed from Mt Todd mine and transported to the United States for destruction.

It is obvious that the government approved the transport of this material through and out of the Territory.

That means it accepts that radio active material can be transported safely as long as it is transported according to proper international standards.

When it comes to bringing radio active waste from Lucas Height the government tells everyone that this will be a danger to Territorians and have attempted to stop this happening by passing a bill which aimed to prevent radioactive material being transported from Lucas Heights.

The Minister for NRETA in debate about transporting this waste said this

*It is not good enough for the Australian government to simply pick a site, build a bunker, stick all the government’s nuclear waste on a truck, and transport it through many communities across 3000 km or by ship around the coast, and through our harbour to offload it. This approach to managing our nuclear waste is amateurish and dangerous, and makes us a laughing stock compared to other countries.*

The Minister needs to explain why the transport of radio active material by her government would be transported any differently than if the Commonwealth was transporting radio active material ie under international guidelines.

The Minister needs to say how the Mt Todd material was transported, when it was transported and was it transported across the Port of Darwin.

What’s the diff?