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Remember – this is the dump Labor said we had to have.

CLP President Mrs Jenny Mostran said today “that the call by the Chief Minister to have the CLP disendorse Senator Nigel Scullion shows just how desperate Labor are in the nuclear waste debate.”

Mrs Mostran said, “that it is a fact that the Nuclear Repository is coming to the Territory because of Labor. Both the current Federal Government and the previous Labor Federal Government have sought expert advice that proves the best place for the nuclear waste is at the Woomera site. However, Clare Martin’s own colleagues in the Labor Party blocked the repository being built in South Australia.”

**Labor have said in effect that this is the ‘dump that the NT had to have’ because everyone on both sides acknowledges that it has to be built somewhere in Australia.”**

It is high time that Clare Martin asked her Labor colleagues why they, in the face of full scientific evidence, will not allow the Nuclear Repository to be built at the most optimum site which is near Woomera.”

Ms Martin regularly and selectively quotes ‘experts’ who she is unable to identify when pressed for detail. Whereas the experts on public record, who have advised the successive Federal Governments, completely contradict her assertions. The Chief Minister shows again her serious lack of knowledge on the issue. Ms Martin has not heeded the joint Senate Committee’s warning that ‘a considerable proportion of the opposition to this project appears to be based on misconceptions and ignorance.’” Mrs Mostran said.

The CLP will not run away from this issue. Being pragmatic, we will fight for the best possible deal for the Territory and ensure the best outcome in jobs and business opportunity for the Territory because these are our backyards too.”

**Jenny Mostran**

**PRESIDENT**