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CHIEF MINISTER FINALLY SEES SENSE

"The Chief Minister has done the biggest back-flip since the last Olympic diving championships!", says Gerry Wood.

Gerry was commenting on Chief Minister Clare Martin's press release about the proposed radioactive waste facility.

"Now she says Science should be the key element to selecting a suitable site for the facility".

"Well the Government wasn't interested in Science when I debated the issue in Territory Parliament".

Gerry claims the Government is totally confused about where it stands on the issue.

"In the last parliamentary sittings, the Health Minister said the Government did not support Lucas Heights and that's why they did not agree with the waste store. But now the Chief Minister says she is not opposed to the facility".

Gerry says this latest backflip smacks of hypocrisy.

"They should have sat down with the Commonwealth from day one and talked about science. But instead, the Territory Government chose to spend thousands of taxpayer dollars in petitions, letters, and newspaper advertisements to oppose the facility".

"However, I am pleased that the Chief Minister is now catching up", says Gerry.

"I have always maintained science was at the heart of the issue - the science that benefits all Australians from the work done at Lucas Heights, and the science needed to make sure the waste products are properly stowed".

Gerry will be addressing the Parliamentary Inquiry in Canberra on Tuesday.