Gerry McCarthy
MEMBER FOR BARKLY

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Senate Inquiry Must Visit The Barkly

Labor Member for Barkly Gerry McCarthy today called for a Senate Inquiry into a nuclear waste dump to sit at Tennant Creek and visit communities in his Barkly electorate.

“My constituents deserve a chance to have their say on the proposed nuclear waste dump,” Mr McCarthy said.

“They will be the Australians most affected if the decision is made to site a nuclear waste dump at Muckaty Station.

“I and the Territory Government will be making a submission outlining our concerns with the Federal Government process.

“We are disappointed the Federal Government has decided to push ahead with legislation that will override Territory legislation.

“I will be expressing my strong view to the Senate Inquiry that any decision about a nuclear waste dump must be based on science and not on politics or constitutional weakness.

“I welcome moves in the Senate to extend the Inquiry’s deadline from 15 March to 30 April this year.

“With that in mind, the Senate Inquiry must visit Tennant Creek and communities in the Barkly so they can hear directly from the people whose lives will be impacted greatly if a nuclear waste dump comes to Muckaty Station.”

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