



**NUCLEAR:**

# Radioactive Waste

Dutton refuses to say where he'll store radioactive waste. Do you want hazardous waste in your community?

**Nuclear power stations generate radioactive waste such as spent reactor fuel, reprocessing effluents, and contaminated tools and work clothing.**

**These materials can remain radioactive and hazardous to human health for tens of thousands of years.**

Current levels of radioactive waste created by nuclear power stations globally equates to approximately 34,000m<sup>3</sup> of high-level waste each year. That's equivalent to 3,400 concrete trucks worth.

With other countries struggling with the question of where to put their waste, if we open a facility here, we risk becoming the dumping ground for all the world's nuclear waste.

This radioactive waste will need to be trucked across the country on public roads to be disposed of in a nuclear waste facility.

But, Australia does not have a dedicated national radioactive waste facility. And Dutton is refusing to say where he plans to put the waste.

To date, no Australian community has ever agreed to store radioactive waste.

The most recent location chosen by the previous Morrison Government to store waste generated by nuclear medicine technologies and radiation procedures was a place called Napandee, near Kimba in regional South Australia. But many local residents and the region's Barnjarla Traditional Owners opposed this plan.



**Would you want nuclear waste in your local area, being driven through your streets, or in the paddock next door?**