

NO TO NUCLEAR: HOWARD MUST GO!

Join the picket of the
Australian Nuclear
Association Conference

Friday October 19th
from 8:30am
280 Pitt St, Sydney

Stand up in solidarity with NT Indig-
enous communities asserting
Land rights not military land grab;
Clean country and strong culture,
not uranium mining.

With speakers:

Kerry Nettle - Australian Greens Senator
Jessica Morrison - International Campaign
to Abolish Nuclear Weapons
Darren Bloomfield - Aboriginal Tent Embassy
Michaela Stubbs - Friends of the Earth

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The Howard Government's 'intervention' into Northern Territory Aboriginal communities is not about child protection or ending violence against women and children. It's about undermining land rights, disrupting Indigenous work and income, and weakening opposition to uranium mines and nuclear waste dumps in the NT.

“Quarantined” Welfare – the Tools of Dispossession

Aboriginal people that work through the Commonwealth Development Employment Program (CDEP) manage their own wages and money. Abolishing CDEP will push people onto welfare and the welfare income management system that allows for quarantining and tight control of how people's money is spent. Many people running businesses on CDEP in remote outstations are already being forced to move into larger regional towns. The extraordinary measures give the Federal Government power to seize lands and property without compensation. The owners of those lands and properties have no right of appeal. Lands will be leased for five years, but the government has plans to extend these measures for 99 years.

Managers

The Federal Government has appointed non-indigenous managers to the 'prescribed' communities. These managers have the power to decide who lives in a community and who must leave; they can observe any meeting of an organisation working at the community, they can change any local programme. Many Aboriginal communities consider these measures, often being administered by under-prepared military personnel, as an invasion rather than an intervention.

The Nuclear Connection

In 2005 Mal Brough passed legislation supposedly about child protection, but with the words 'child' and 'children' conspicuously absent from the legislation, it will actually serve to open the Territory up for mining and uranium exploration. Two weeks ago the Federal Science Minister Julie Bishop approved the nomination of Muckaty Station on Ngapa land as an additional site to be assessed for the federal radioactive waste dump. In 2005 the government passed the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act overriding Territory law and racial discrimination legislation and making legal challenge by any affected group to a site nomination or selection impossible.

The nomination process for the proposed sites was deeply flawed, with three sites chosen for their status as Commonwealth Department of Defence sites and, with the case of Muckaty, the promise of \$12 million of dollars as education incentives and as a managed trust in return for the land being handed over for at least 300 years. Many people are concerned that groundwater and local wildlife could become contaminated by the long-term storage of waste on their country. Muckaty Land Trust Region is also known to experience regular seismic activity.

It is still illegal by Australian law for Australia to accept international high-level nuclear waste, but signing on to the (US President) Bush-initiated Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP) will inevitably put pressure on the Australian government to consider overturning these laws to accept international nuclear waste. The Liberal party national council passed a motion in June encouraging expansion of Australia's nuclear industry - including potentially developing a high level dump.

Come and join the picket of the Australian Nuclear Association. Be a part of the movement toward a nuclear free future. Get involved in the campaign against the Howard government's authoritarian invasion. Upcoming events include:

- Women for Wik Forum: Sun Oct 14th, Australia Hall, 150 Elizabeth St Sydney, 2-4pm.
- Meeting at Redfern Community Centre: Monday October 15th, Hugo Street, 6pm.
- Forum: Howard's Nuclear Push and the Plan for a Nuclear Institute at Sydney Uni, Tuesday October 16th Holme Reading Room, Sydney Uni
- Sydney Nuclear Free Coalition Meeting: Thursday Oct 25, 6pm, Lvl 3 UTS Tower