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Dear Dr Gallop

“Focus on the future; opportunities for Sustainability in Western Australia” and the proposed “Nuclear Activities (Prohibition) Bill”

it is indeed encouraging to read a consultation paper such as the above, the paper is a great advocacy for supporting the “Nuclear Activities (Prohibition) Bill”. The news that the State Government has issued a Request for Tender to site a cyclotron at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital is also excellent news. The Nuclear Activities (Prohibition) Bill aims to keep West Australia nuclear free by making uranium exploration and mining, and nuclear waste dumping, illegal.

The horrors of the nuclear industry are well documented, millions of people and all forms of life have died and are dying from the effects of uranium mining, nuclear power, nuclear weapons, and nuclear waste.

To quote from Professor Phil Jennings (Murdoch University) “Occupational Hazards in Uranium Mining and Milling”;

“Radioactive particles move through the air in the form of dust from both the mining of uranium and the wind moving over the tailings, mountains of uranium laced earth left on the ground after uranium is removed for processing. Extracting the usable uranium contaminates equipment used, the liquid that washes it, and the air with the radioactive gases that are routinely vented. Contamination continues at every step of the way without end; in the reactors, the submarines, the weapons manufacturing, stockpiling, storage, testing, and dismantling. “Wendy Oser and Molly Young Brown
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“Low dose ionising radiation may well be the most important single cause of cancer, birth defect, and genetic disorders.” Dr John Goffman.

There is no satisfactory solution to the growing mountains of global nuclear waste which is dangerous for at least 250,000 years.

To quote the Government’s definition of sustainability: *Sustainability is the simultaneous achievement of environmental, economic and social goals.*

Yours sincerely

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