



Northern Land Council

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NLC supports nomination of Muckaty Station for Commonwealth radioactive waste repository

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Northern Land Council (NLC) Chairman, Wali Wunungmurra, today said that the NLC Full Council which is meeting at Mataranka fully supports Ngapa traditional owners who last year nominated their country at Muckaty Station under the *Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act 2005* for consideration as the Commonwealth's radioactive waste facility.

“Ngapa traditional owners overwhelmingly support the nomination of their country at Muckaty Station for the Commonwealth's radioactive waste facility – as does the NLC Full Council”, Mr Wunungmurra said.

“Traditional owners – and Full Council members – know how important it is for Australia to find an environmentally acceptable site by agreement, so that all Australians can continue to receive benefits such as medical treatment from nuclear medicine.”

“The Commonwealth Resources Minister, Martin Ferguson, is rightly looking at all options, and provided that the environmental assessment is satisfactory the NLC will support the establishment of the radioactive waste facility on Muckaty Station under existing laws – or under future laws which the Government may enact”, Mr Wunungmurra said.

The NLC Full Council is presently meeting at Mataranka, and unanimously nominated Muckaty Station for consideration as the Commonwealth's radioactive waste facility at a meeting at Gulkula in May 2007.

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