

Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Dump Proposed site profile: Muckaty Station

Location: 120 km north of Tennant Creek (Northern Land Council Region)

Traditional Owners: Warlmanpa

Current Land Use: Muckaty station is leased out by the Muckaty Association for pastoral use

Though not one of the Department of Defence sites currently undergoing assessment to host the Commonwealth dump, there has been much speculation in the media about Muckaty being offered as an alternative location. The Northern Land Council, which represents traditional owners (TO's) from the area, is providing what the Government terms "**positive and constructive assistance**" to help secure a site nomination, but many TO's are strongly opposed to the idea of hosting the Commonwealth dump and have travelled to NT Parliament and interstate conferences to voice their concerns.



"Top to bottom we got bush tucker right through the country. Whoever is taking this waste dump into our country needs to come back and talk to the Traditional Owners. We're not happy to have all of this stuff. We don't want it, it's not our spirit. Our spirit is our country, our country where our ancestors been born. Before towns, before hospitals, before cities. We want our country to be safe"

Dianne Stokes, Muckaty Traditional Owner

Photo: Muckaty Traditional Owners met in Tennant Creek to discuss the waste dump proposal, February 28, 2007

Statements from Muckaty TO meeting in Tennant Creek, February 28, 2007

Dianne Stokes

"We don't want this stuff on our country. There is a big lawn at Parliament House. They should keep it there if it is safe".

Janet Thompson

"We are not happy about other people making decisions on what to do and having their say on our land"
"NLC bosses should have a big meeting with all of the Muckaty traditional owners"

Christine Morton

"Our land is our life. Once our great grandfathers walked this land. This waste dump will destroy our land and animals. We say no. No to the waste dump"

Sammy Sambo

"We use that land for men's cultural ceremonies which came from our great grandfather. If they put a waste dump at Muckaty it betrays the next generation"