

**NUCLEAR WASTE HEADED
YOUR WAY**

SAY NO

TO **RADIOACTIVE** ROADS IN NSW

The PLOT

Australia's first national nuclear waste dump has been recently approved.

This means the dump, to be built near Woomera in South Australia, has moved one step closer to becoming a reality.

Most of the waste for the dump would be trucked from the nuclear reactor in Sydney.

This dangerous radioactive waste must be kept away from people and the environment for up to 300 years. Some of the waste is radioactive for thousands of years.

If the Federal Government gets its way then trucks full of nuclear waste will start rumbling through NSW towns, communities and regions very soon.

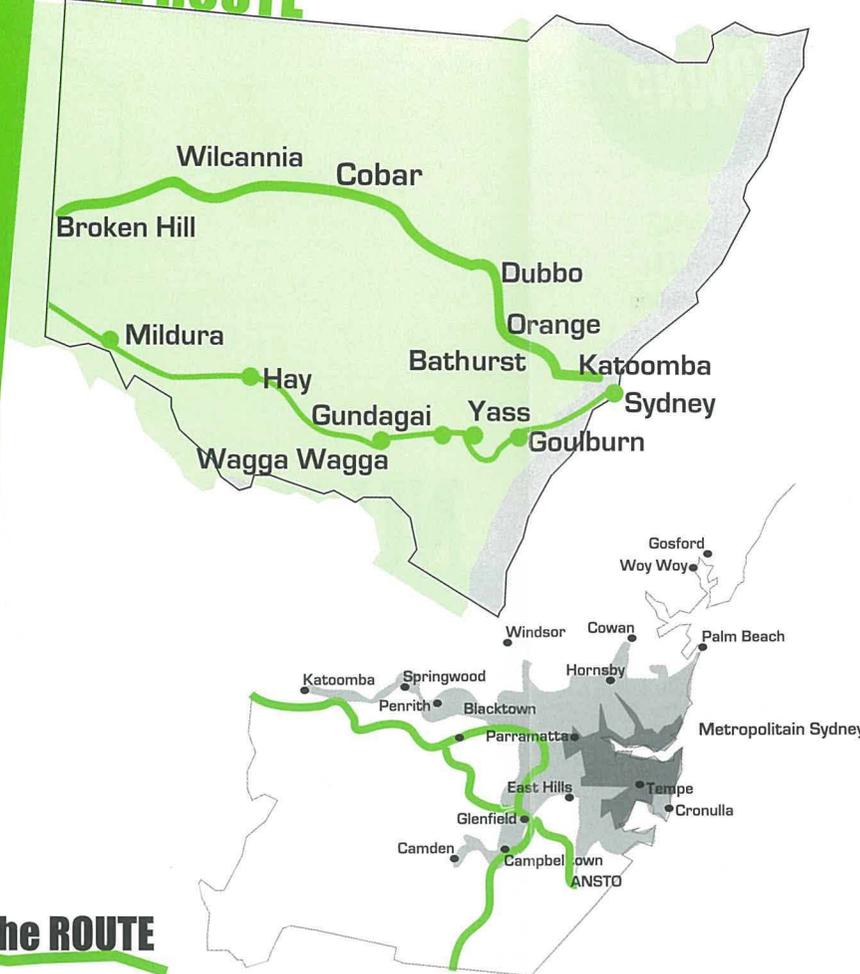
Once this starts it's not going to be just 1 or 2 trips, there is 40 years worth of nuclear waste to move and plans to create more.

Help

The NSW Government knows the community is concerned and is talking about this issue. It's not too late to have your say and to get the Carr Government to stop these transports.

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THE ROUTE



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The nuclear trucks will follow one of two possible routes. Either trip means passing through towns, communities and farmland.

The possible routes are:

a) through Sydney's western suburbs, over the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains and across western NSW via the Barrier Highway to Broken Hill or

b) through Sydney's southern suburbs, south down the Hume Highway then along the Sturt Highway to the Murray Riverland - Australia's food bowl.

Transporting nuclear waste is a risky business.

MYTH BUSTER

MYTH: The waste is not nuclear waste.

FACT: The material is radioactive or nuclear waste. It is contaminated and **does** emit radiation which can cause fatal cancers and other diseases. This waste is so dangerous it must be kept separate from people and the environment.

MYTH: The waste is low level waste and therefore not harmful.

FACT: We know they plan to transport different levels of waste. No matter which type, all of it will need to be shielded from humans and the environment. If this waste leaks and gets into the air or water table it is dangerous to humans. We won't know which truck is carrying what waste and neither will your local emergency service.

MYTH: You can safely transport nuclear waste.

FACT: The Federal Government's own figures show that there is a 23% probability of one of the trucks passing your door having an accident.

Not good odds when you think about how difficult it is to control or clean-up a radioactive spill. Accidents can and do happen on the road - whether it's a collision, spill, dangerous fire, successful terrorist attack, tyre blow out or a sleepy driver.

MYTH: This nuclear waste comes from medical research and treatment that we all benefit from.

FACT: Only about 10% of this waste is linked with medical use. We don't need to produce the rest. We can still have nuclear medicines without any of the following: a nuclear reactor in Sydney, radioactive waste transports across NSW or a national dump in South Australia.

We need to let ALL the politicians know that we don't want New South Wales to become Nuke South Wales.

WHO WILL CLEAN UP A SPILL IN

The local emergency services such as police, fire or SES would be the first on the scene. These people work everyday to help keep us all safe and now they are facing an unnecessary new threat. Darryl Snow, the President of the NSW Fire Brigade Union makes the reality clear:

"...most people see fire trucks turn up, and say thank God for that - they are going to do something.

The reality is there is nothing we can do about it. We are just as useless and just as helpless [as everyone else along the route] in dealing with radioactive waste."

YOUR TOWN?

AND ITS NOT JUST THOSE DOING THE JOB THAT ARE WORRIED

Bob Debus the NSW Environment Minister had this to say:

"The only way we can avoid a situation where [NSW fire fighters and emergency services people] are exposed in ways that we and they find entirely unacceptable, will be through political action."

It will only take 2 minutes of your time to let the politicians know that you don't want nuclear waste passing through

1. Take part in our email action

and let Premier Carr know you don't want these trucks through your town. Go to: www.reactnow.org.au

2. Ring Premier Carr's office:

The quickest way to get yourself heard. It's easy and it is your right as an Australian. Just ring (02) 9228 5239 and leave the following message. **"I don't want nuclear waste of any sort transported through my town."**

Remember to leave your name and address

3. Write a letter to Premier Carr.

Hand written or typed it doesn't matter - a few lines are enough for him to get the message that as Premier he has to act against any Federal Government plans that threaten NSW communities.

4. Visit www.reactnow.org for information and ideas.

**Address: Premier Carr
Parliament House
Sydney NSW 2000
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Send a copy of your letter to the NSW Inquiry so that they know of your concerns.

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