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It is that time of the year... an election is imminent and it does truly seem as if change is in the air.

That is why we need your help.

The issue of Howard's nuclear ambition for Australia is something that the Coalition have realised may not be a vote winner as we have seen carefully toned down rhetoric in recent days.

But it is possibly the issue with the most serious ramifications for the future health of this country.

Howard's vision includes vastly expanded uranium mining, no environmental safeguards, dozens of nuclear power stations and a subdued and marginalised Aboriginal population where the world's nuclear waste just might be dumped.

The Northern Territory intervention includes a reversal of hard won land rights legislation.

Howard is not polling well but as Kevin Rudd keeps telling us - Howard is a very clever politician. He has plenty of money to splash around as we have seen with the obscene \$34 billion tax bribes on Day One so we shouldn't underestimate his capacity for dirty tricks.

We have to maintain the pressure.

We will hopefully see the biggest marches in recent history on an environmental issue, with the Walk Against Warming to be held in Fremantle on Sunday 11th November. All political candidates have been asked to speak and present their future plans on climate change.

We need to all be there to say loud and clear - that Nuclear power is not one of the answers... it will instead create massive problems.

THE RECENT LANDSCAPE

Our last newsletter was in June 2007 and we have seen massive changes in policy and positioning since then - it's hard to know what to cover. Here are some brief snapshots of recent issues:

URANIUM MINING

Earlier this year we saw a huge policy backflip from Labor - after months of speculation

they overturned their longstanding opposition to uranium mining.

Despite a well coordinated and committed lobbying campaign from within the ALP and the anti nuclear movement, under Rudds leadership they found the numbers in proxy votes to overturn their policy and have essentially opened their policy up for massive expansion of uranium mining.

The good news? Well, despite voting for the expansion of mining, Alan Carpenter has said he won't have it in WA while he is Premier. Lets keep him to his word. Greens MLC Giz Watson has introduced legislation to make this policy legally binding - let Carpenter know you support it.

APEC

This was probably one of the most expensive public relations failures undertaken by an Australian government.

In the lead up to APEC, anti-nuclear and peace activists were targeted, put under surveillance, and heavy handed police tactics were reportedly widespread.

At APEC we saw the signing of a uranium export deal with Russia, and the introduction of the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership.

THE GLOBAL NUCLEAR ENERGY PARTNERSHIP

This is what U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel W. Bodman said when he launched GNEP: "GNEP brings the promise of virtually limitless energy to emerging economies around the globe, in an environmentally friendly manner while reducing the threat of nuclear proliferation."

Essentially GNEP is purported to control the world's uranium supplies and nuclear markets by focussing on enrichment processes that are designed to reduce the level of radioactive material in circulation.

It gives the United States a tighter control on world markets with the potential to offload their

politically inconvenient nuclear waste.

They have introduced the concept of 'leasing' uranium... which will potentially see Australia being tied into taking massive amounts of waste back from international markets.

PROPOSED NT WASTE DUMP

Science Minister Julie Bishop recently announced that she had accepted the nomination for a fourth potential waste dump site at Muckaty station, near Tennant Creek.

She stated that the traditional owners had all been consulted and happily signed off - with a \$12 million sweetener thrown in. This is not the case, just as it is not the case at any of the other proposed dump sites. The 10th Alliance against uranium meeting held near Alice Springs in August reaffirmed the strong commitment traditional owners from all potentially affected areas have to protecting their country and culture.



don't radioactive waste your vote



2007 ELECTION - WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

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KEEP US INFORMED

If you hear of the PM, a high profile Minister coming to Perth, or see an event with local polities and candidates please let us know!!

We can get you information to hand out at the event or we can try and organise to get people out to attend the event with an anti nuclear message.

We have at hand a range of fantastic information we need to get out into the electorate... call us for details and we can get you what you need. We have a 3 headed kangaroo puppet in the making - which should be trailing Howard across the country... and we are hoping for a range of willing bodies to get out and about.

VOTE NUCLEAR FREE

www.votenuclearfree.net

We are supporting this website and campaign... The main message is that the nuclear industry contributes to greenhouse gas emissions, nuclear weapons, lethal wastes and massive water use.

So Vote Nuclear Free!

There are major policy differences on nuclear issues between Australian political parties so the November 24 election really matters.

Will Australia become a world leader in renewables or a world loser in nukes? The Vote Nuclear Free website - <www.votenuclearfree.net> - provides important information on the nuclear policies of parties contesting the November 24 election. It also has loads of fantastic videos, cartoons, graphics and photos.

You can help Vote Nuclear Free by:

1. Providing a link to www.votenuclearfree.net from your website or add it to your email signature homepage
2. Placing posters or postcards in your office, or local friendly shops or cafes
3. Putting up posters in your area - shops, churches, community noticeboards

4. Letterboxing postcards in your area, or preferably one of our target areas (Stirling, Hasluck, Cowan, Curtin and Tangney)

5. Distributing Vote Nuclear Free stickers

If you can help, please contact our ANAWA election campaigner: Nicola Paris on 0422 99 00 40 or nicolaparis@hotmail.com

You can also sign up for occasional campaign and info updates during the campaign with Annemarie Hindinger at nfreewa@inet.net.au

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

DONATE:

ANAWA is run by volunteers and has no source of income. Elections and election materials are expensive. Please consider donating to keep us going.

SPONSOR:

An ad in your local community paper. A postcard sized ad in a community paper could cost \$400. Maybe get a few friends to pitch in? Contact us for details.

SPREAD THE WORD

Support our message by talking to people, writing letters to the editor or articles for your community newspaper and calling talkback radio. Tips next page.

EVENTS ROUND UP

Thurs 2/11

Renewables not Radioactive. Pre-election forum. 6PM Lotteries House, 2 Dehli St, W. Perth. Featuring interstate speaker, Dr Gavin Mudd, Scott Ludlam and Jo Vallentine. Come and hone your election spiel...

Sun 11/11

WALK AGAINST WARMING - 1pm Fremantle Esplanade - meet 1230 am at Railway carriage to join anti nuke contingent

Week commence 12/11

Group letterboxing in marginals

Sun 18/11

Fremantle Festival - join the FANG contingent for the parade

Sat 24/11

D Day - help hand out stuff!

And that's not all folks - other fun activities planned - call Nicola for details and more info.



The Leunig cartoon above was commissioned by ICAN - The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. The Caption on the back of the postcard reads: There are 27,000 nuclear weapons in the world today - Choose Peace. More info at www.icanw.org



renewables not radioactivity

More News

The 3 headed kangaroo... and a recent clean energy rally at Parliament House

INDIA

An agreement this year that the United States made with India regarding their nuclear program saw Australia jump on board to export uranium. This is despite the fact that this breaches the Non Proliferation treaty as India is not a signatory. But there are signs this agreement may be failing.

RUSSIA

President Putin's obvious displeasure with the United States' plan to install the Ballistic Missile Defence system in Europe raises serious concerns. The determination of the US to push ahead

despite clear objections is tending towards a return of dangerous cold war rhetoric.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It is too early to expect Australians to have an informed view about nuclear power or indeed to have majority support," ~ Dr Ziggy Switkowski

SOME GOOD NEWS

AUSTRIA LEADS BY EXAMPLE - OCT 2007
 ...Thus nuclear power is not the convincing solution some claim; rather it is no solution at all. There is no reason to change the Austrian policy. Our focus on energy efficiency and alternative energies is far sighted and the right way to go. We are convinced that in follow-

ing this path we also contribute to the awareness building that is necessary to achieve a sustainable and more responsible use of energy.

Josef Pröll-Environment Minister, Austria

A MESSAGE TO LABOR

"You can't walk both sides of the street on nuclear reactors," Mr Rudd recently told reporters after Environment Minister Turnbull's recent comments that were perceived to be backing away from nukes.

Well we would agree with that statement... the thing is that it is a bit hard to justify that position if you are happy to export uranium for use in reactors overseas, but its not OK to have them here.

Check out our news blog at <http://www.anawa.org.au>

TIPS on getting your message out

TALKBACK RADIO

Talkback radio is a massively underutilised resource ... its an excellent opportunity to get a message out to thousands of people. Here are some tips:

- Role play with friends or colleagues. Take turns at being devil's advocate.
- Compile a list of which radio stations have talkback at which times.
- Leave this sheet next to your radio or near where you sit for your cuppa, it will remind you to tune in to whatever talkback is on at the time.
- Get into the routine of switching on the radio for the first couple of minutes of the themed talkback shows.
- Be creative in linking issues. Many aspects to nuclear issues – e.g. the rights of Indigenous people, water, waste production, economic impacts, tourism, energy, etc.
- Call as early on in the program as you can, especially if you know the program is a popular one. This will also stimulate the debate for the remainder of the program.
- Turn off your radio when you are making the call as it can interfere with your phone

line.

- Try to have one or two main messages ready to talk about. Write notes for yourself if it makes you feel more confident.
- Try and prepare yourself for any questions you think the host might ask you.

LETTERBOXING

Areas that have been thoroughly letterboxed often show a definite change in voting patterns. Call us up to borrow a radiation suit to wear while you are doing it - a good ice breaker for starting conversations! We can give you additional more detailed information to keep on hand to answer questions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

- KISS - Keep it Short and Simple. Max. 200 words & use short sentences. Some great letters are just 20-50 words. They are more likely to get published if they are short.
- Aim to respond by 1pm on the day of an issue arising (aiming for publication the following day).
- Funny/clever letters are more likely to be published and to stick in people's minds.
- Avoid defamation. Stick to the issue rather than making personal attacks.
- Most likely to get published if the letter is REACTING to articles or letters in the paper. But sometimes letters to editor can GENERATE some discussion/debate in the

letters page so give that a try too!

- Carbon copy (cc) or blind carbon copy (bcc) to colleagues, your local MP... even us so we know what you're up to.
- Check spelling and grammar and clarity. Make sure sentences can't be chopped up out of context.
- You must include the date, and your name, address and day-time phone number in case they want to verify that you are the real author.

Try letters@wanews.com.au or your local community newspaper.

The Anti-Nuclear Alliance of Western Australia

- The Conservation Council WA
- The Environment Centre of WA
- Sustainable Energy Now
- Fremantle Anti-Nuclear Group
- The Community Anti-Nuclear Network
- Medical Assn. for the Prevention of War
- People for Nuclear Disarmament
- Australian Conservation Foundation
- Environment House
- Citizens for Justice Malawi
- South West Anti Nuclear Group

