

DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TOURISM

Minister for Action

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**PROPOSED SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AUSTRALIA'S POSITION ON THE US-INDIA CIVIL NUCLEAR INITIATIVE**

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**Issues:** A key consideration for the Committee is how the position Australia takes on the US-India Initiative will interact with our export policy for uranium, ie prohibiting exports to non-NPT countries (including India) and the Government's strong commitment to strengthening the international non-proliferation regime. We note that NSG agreement to an exemption does not require the Australian Government to change its export policy nor will it result in Australian uranium being exported to India. We are also conscious of the special interest that Australia's uranium producers have in maintaining community confidence in the integrity of the international safeguards regime.

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