

I would urge the Committee to give more detailed consideration to the following points:

1. Concentrating on economic factors in this case appears to be to the detriment of caution - this is a ridiculous risk being undertaken without sufficient thought as to **long-term effects**.
2. For the sake of our children and their children we should not rush into this without more **public consultation** regarding the protection of our vulnerable environment.
3. Large influential companies make **employment promises** they then claim later, regretfully, not to be able to meet. Only very heavy penalties if they were unable to meet their promises, would get round this.
4. The Committee should give more thought to **sustainable development** as defined by the "World Commission on Environment and Development 1987".
5. **Why** exactly is this being rushed through?

As a voting citizen I would request you to take these points into consideration on behalf of the people you claim to represent.

Sincerely,

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