



# IROQUOIS CAUCUS | ANISHINABEK NATION

## Radioactive Waste Joint Declaration of the Iroquois Caucus and Anishinabek Nation

### Preamble

The Anishinabek Nation and Iroquois Caucus have renewed their relationship and commitment of unity by smoking the sacred pipe. The two nations met to discuss radioactive waste matters that are within their traditional and treaty territories. Central to the discussions were ceremony, and spirituality as reflected in the inherent responsibilities and intimate relationship to the land, waters, and all our relations.

The 5 starting point that was all agreed on includes:

1. No abandonment
2. Better containment, more packaging
3. Monitored and retrievable storage
4. Away from Major Water Bodies
5. No imports or exports

### The Anishinabek Nation and Iroquois Caucus declare that:

We have our own territories and exercise our jurisdiction on a Nation-to-Nation basis.

We draw on sacred law, traditional law, customary laws – we need to protect the lands, waters and all living things for future generations.

We will not let the Government of Canada or the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec abandon radioactive waste in our territories

We must consider future generations, as they are the ones that will be affected by our decisions.

We remain collective and unified in our decisions that radioactive waste is kept away from all water bodies, as the risks are uncertain and too great.

We remain unified in our decisions that radioactive waste will not be transported, exported or imported throughout our territories by road, rail, water or other means of transportation.

We maintain our rights to our lands, waters, and to all our resources and that radioactive waste be better contained, and be in retrievable and monitored storage.