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Dear Ms Rogerson

Thank you for your letter of 7 April 2006 regarding uranium mining.

The Opposition Leader, the Hon Kim Beazley MP, has rightly noted Australians are very cautious about all aspects of the nuclear industry – nuclear power, exports of uranium, proliferation of weapons. I share that caution.

I support the ALP's existing policy on uranium mining. Those who are seeking to change that policy need to provide answers to the intractable problems of the disposal of nuclear waste and the effect of nuclear proliferation.

The Howard Government's real agenda is to bring nuclear power to Australia. On 7 April 2006, the Prime Minister told Southern Cross Radio that he "*would not stand in the way*" of nuclear power in Australia if it was economically feasible.

As sure as night follows day, if the Howard Government is re-elected we will see nuclear power in Australia, and that is something the Labor Party will fundamentally oppose.

Thank you for writing to me on this important matter.

You can find out more about the issues that matter to me at my website www.anthonyalbanese.com.au

Yours sincerely

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