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Australia's oldest nuclear disarmament organization, People for Nuclear Disarmament (PND), claims that Australian uranium sent to India will free up un-safeguarded Indian uranium for nuclear weapons uses.

According to PND's United Nations nuclear disarmament campaigner John Hallam,

“When you think about it for five seconds, it is impossible to come to any conclusion other than that safeguarded Australian uranium will replace Indian uranium in India's nuclear fuel cycle, for 'civil' uses, freeing un-safeguarded Indian uranium for nuclear weapons uses.”

“India and Pakistan are right now engaged in a breakneck nuclear arms race in the Subcontinent, and it is hardly a week since Pakistan and India were actually making nuclear threats against each other.”

“Even if in thier heart of hearts, both countries know perfectly well that a subcontinental nuclear war involving over 100 Hiroshima – sized warheads each would be a national and global catastrophe, the chances of war by accident and/or miscalculation are far higher than we like to think.”

“War between India and Pakistan could produce a 'prompt' body-count of up to 150 million, including many of my own dear friends. The delayed effects of global cooling from the sun being blotted out by the smoke of burning cities could produce global famine with as many as 2 billion casualties over the next decade.”

“Whatever safeguards we say we have put on Australian uranium, and whether or not actual atoms of Australian uranium end up in Indian bombs, Australian uranium exports to India can only contribute to making a subcontinental apocalypse more likely and to making it

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