



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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Delegate Proposal No. 221

Date: June 2, 1995

It is proposed that a constitutional amendment be prepared that does the following:

Changes the language with respect to the right to a clean and healthful environment to delete the legislative language added by the 1985 constitutional convention and to substitute a provision that makes it clear that the legislature has no authority to allow placing any type of nuclear waste for any purpose in the waters or submerged lands under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth.

(Note: Federal law prohibits placing nuclear waste for temporary or permanent storage except on specially designated military reservations or with the consent of the state government. This amendment is to prevent the CNMI legislature from giving consent, for example, in return for substantial payments to the Commonwealth treasury.)

Submitted by:



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CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. I, Sec. 9

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: Art. II, Sec. 1