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State government breaks second uranium promise

The State government stands ready to assess any application for a licence to export uranium through a Queensland port, according to Minister for Mines and Natural Resources Andrew Cripps.

This is in direct contrast to Minister Cripps' very recent assurances that the government would not consider uranium export facilities in the State.

"This is the second broken promise on uranium" said North Queensland Conservation Council Coordinator Wendy Tubman.

"The first broken promise related to uranium mining itself. Days before being elected into government, LNP Premier Newman wrote to ACF saying that he wanted to make it 'very, very clear, we have no plans to mine uranium'.

"Within just two weeks of being elected, Premier Newman announced the re-opening of the uranium mining industry in Queensland.

"The LNP government has a lot of explaining to do about how they can so readily break promises to the electorate" said Ms Tubman.

"Townsville City Council has declared Townsville to be a nuclear-free city and the people of Townsville have repeatedly declared their opposition to any re-opening of Ben Lomond uranium mine on the outskirts of the city.

"Despite this, the State-owned Townsville port has declared itself open to the idea of exporting uranium.

"In its rush to exploit dangerous resources – uranium, coal and coal seam gas – in order to make a buck, our government is showing its lack of concern for our environment and our society, and its lack of respect for promises to the people. That is not what we voted for."

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