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Dear Rupert,

I write to you in my capacity as a pediatrician and as the person who was promoted and supported in your fine newspapers in 1972 when I led the movement against the French nuclear tests in Adelaide and in Australia.

As you remember, those articles that you published in the Adelaide News and the Australian promoted a massive national movement which caused the French government to move their nuclear testing underground.

I write to you now on a similar but different subject.

You may be aware that two aging nuclear power reactors stand 35 miles from Manhattan on the banks of the Hudson River and that these Indian Point reactors were part of the targeting strategy plan for the 9/11 terrorists who chose instead to destroy the World Trade Towers.

An excellent study by the Union of Concerned Scientists shows that a major accident and subsequent meltdown at just one of these reactors could induce the deaths of over 800,000 New Yorkers and people living in Westchester County.

Because of this ongoing and ever-present risk, I request that you give ample coverage to the danger that these two dilapidated nuclear reactors pose to the financial capital of the world and to its inhabitants who have already suffered the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune.

As you know Mr Murdoch, it was the dictum of President Jefferson who said "an informed democracy will behave in a responsible fashion".

Will you participate in this educational campaign as the lives of hundreds of thousands of people are at stake?

Yours Sincerely

Helen Caldicott FRACP, MBBS

Reference NUCLEAR POWER IS NOT THE ANSWER TO GLOBAL WARMING, by Helen Caldicott