

Greetings,

I attended the International Court of Justice (World Court) hearing some years ago when we talked about the threat of nuclear weapons. As I am much older now and in my mid 80s, I have some deep concerns about Japan releasing the radioactive waters. This water has been used to cool the nuclear plants, after an earthquake which destroyed the plant; the radium water has been stored in tanks as it's poisoned. This water will now be released into the Pacific. It has come to my attention that this may happen as early as next week.

In the 1980s, our government signed up to the Treaty of Rarotonga, the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone and it has been ratified. Though the above is not covered in this, it is arrogant of Japan to release these waters. At this time the New Zealand government is keeping very quiet. Therefore, I am appealing to you, the ICJ on behalf of the next generations to come. We need to stop the release of these nuclear waters into our Pacific.

Along with the Pacific Forum, this cannot be done as the Pacific is 75% of food baskets for the world. Therefore, one cannot guarantee that the poison from the radiation is safe, even if they say it has been treated.

Having spent over thirty years, demonstrating against France's testing in the Moruroa Atoll to have this stopped. It seems that we are having this happen again but coming from a different angle. Japan has to have a good look at the potential dangers to humanity. They are no strangers to nuclear fallout. So therefore I am appealing to the ICJ to help ourselves and many others who don't know where to go to stop this happening in the next week or so. As told by the Media, there will be a nuclear water release in the next week. When will we learn, not to create such dangers for humanity. Even the UN committee are not too sure that it is safe. Scientists are not the be all and end all of what is safe. We the indigenous peoples, have seen such great destruction over the years. I appeal on behalf of myself and hundreds of others for you to step in to all immediately.

The long-term effects could be catastrophic, for the world as a whole.

In peace,

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