



Australian Government
Department of Industry,
Innovation and Science

National Radioactive Waste Management Facility

Kimba Consultative Committee

Meeting Notes

Thursday 18th January 2018

Agenda

Time	Item	Lead
09:00-09:30	KCC members arrive – Tea and coffee	
09:30-09:35	Welcome and Introductions – Overview of the meeting agenda	Allan Suter, Independent Convener
09:35-10:15	Roles and responsibilities – KCC's purpose and code of conduct – Role of the Convener, Deputy Convener, Members and Department – Remuneration and invoicing – Media Protocols/Confidentiality/Social Media ○ Observer Protocol – Conflict of interest	DIIS - Bruce McCleary
10:15-10:30	Morning Tea Break	
10:30-11:30	Project Update	DIIS – Bruce McCleary
11:30-12:00	Community Benefit Programme	AusIndustry – Sue Hall
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00-14:30	Forward Program of Works – Topics that KCC members would like to discuss going forward – Possible Future Expert Presentations ○ Licencing & Regulation ○ Design, Land & Build	DIIS – Bruce McCleary
14:30-15:00	Other Items – Other topics raised by KCC members	Allan Suter

Attendees:

Allan Suter (Convener)	Randall Cliff	Peta Willmott
Dean Johnson (Deputy Convener)	Sally Inglis	Peter Woolford
Symon Allen	Jeff Koch	Amy Wright
Heather Baldock	Meagan Lienert	
Jeff Baldock	Kerri Rayson	
Pat Beinke	Toni Scott	

Apologies:

Kellie Hunt		

Other Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Bruce McCleary	DIIS: NRWMF Project Team – General Manager
Rebecca Mouthaan	DIIS: NRWMF Project Team – Manager of Community Consultation Team
Adam White	DIIS: NRWMF Project Team - Community Consultation Team
Maree Barford	DIIS: NRWMF Project Team - Community Consultation Team
Sue Hall	AusIndustry

Action Items

Item	Status
1. Provide the committee with the Convener's mobile number and email address	Complete
2. Develop a confidentiality protocol	In Progress
3. Provide the committee with the contact details for Sarra Baker for invoicing enquiries	Complete
4. Establish an Economic Working Group	In Progress
5. Circulate the Site Characterisation Themes	Complete – See Attachement A
6. Provide member email addresses to the committee	Complete

Meeting opened 10:30am

Welcome

Allan Suter welcomed the committee as the Independent Convener and each member introduced themselves to the committee.

Roles and Responsibilities

Bruce McCleary from the Department of Industry provided the purpose of the committee and the role of the convener, deputy convener, members and the department.

The committee is not a decision making body and is formed to act as a conduit between the community and the government. The meetings are for everybody to have their say and members must be able to respect each others opinions.

While it can be difficult at certain times of the year for people to attend it is expected that members regularly attend the meetings.

An overview of the code of conduct was given which outlined how each member is expected to behave in the committee meetings. Meeting notes will not be a verbatim record of committee meetings and will not directly name committee members.

Only the Convener can speak publicly on behalf of the committee. Members can make statements to the media but they must make it clear that these are their individual opinions only.

Discussion

- The Convener spoke about members being approached by people who might try to lobby the member. The advice to be given is that if these people wish to speak to the committee then they should apply to talk to all members.
- The committee discussed the confidentiality protocols for observers of the meeting. If anyone wishes to observe the meeting then they must seek approval from the Convener, who will then discuss with the committee. This is to control the limited space and not affect the primary business of meetings. A confidentiality protocol will be developed for observers and guest presenters who are present during confidential discussion.
- The committee discussed declaring any conflicts of interest on the back of the Consultative Committee guidelines. The Convener stated that if anybody needed to discuss a possible conflict of interest then they should do so with him. The department advised that AusIndustry will handle any conflicts of interest related to the Community Benefit Package.

Action Items 1, 2 & 3:

- The Convener's email address to be provided to members
- Develop a confidentiality protocol
- Circulate Sarra Baker's contact details for invoicing related enquiries

Project Update

Bruce McCleary, Department of Industry, gave an update on the project particularly around the technical work and site characterisation. There is a large amount of work to be completed to confirm the sites are suitable to host the facility. The main contract for site characterisation work is expected to be granted in early 2018 then the technical work will commence across all three sites, recognising the work at Barndioota won't commence until the cultural heritage assessment is completed.

The site characterisation work will assess flora and fauna, geology, seismic activity, risks, the surrounding environment, transportation and other infrastructure. Geoscience Australia are involved with reviewing the tender applications and will ensure that their data is accessible to the successful company to speed up the process.

The design work for the facility is being completed concurrently with the site characterisation work. Once the design and the final inventory for the facility is complete we will be in a position to advise on the jobs required at the facility. That should be completed within the next 6 months.

The Department asked the committee whether they thought it would be suitable to establish an Economic Working Group in Kimba. The purpose of this group would be to engage with local businesses and gauge what resources would be available if the facility goes ahead at Kimba. The committee agreed that an Economic Working Group should be established.

Discussion

- A member asked whether the community would have a say on the type of waste that will make up the inventory. It was advised that the site will manage all federal waste and it has been clear that ILW would be stored and LLW would be disposed of at the facility. Community feedback is being taken on board and when the vote occurs it will clearly state the purpose of the facility including storing ILW.
- A member raised that why would a town have a vote without it being confirmed that the facility will definitely be located in the area. The department advised that the process has two parts which are community support and site characterisation. Community support will determine whether the site will go ahead so that must be established before confirmation of a site can be made. If there is not community support or a fatal flaw in the site is found then it won't go ahead. If both communities show support and all sites are technically suitable then the Minister will make a determination based on all the information given to him including the site characterisation, community support and costings.
- A member raised that the community would want to know which of the two nominated sites they are voting for when the vote happens. As both sites fall within the Kimba community the initial vote will be whether the community supports hosting the facility in the community area. The Department advised that the Australian Electrol Commission process can't include variables and must be done as a 'yes or no' vote. In the Land Acquisition process the department would only acquire one site.
- A member raised that the community will have an extensive set of questions which will need to be answered before they indicate support or otherwise. It was advised

that the department will ask the community what issues they need addressed before proceeding, but the KCC should play an active role in gathering this feedback as well.

- A member asked that if nominations are still open, how will that change if another site is nominated? The department advised that we must keep nominations open until a site is selected and the Minister will make a decision whether he will accept other nominations during the process.
- A member asked whether an Economic Working Group would provide information to the KCC. It was advised that they would present certain information to the KCC and that there would be transparency between the groups.
- Members agreed that the EWG should be made up of a maximum of 10 people with 2 to 3 people from the KCC in the group as well. Members of the KCC would need to nominate through the usual process.
- A member asked how the members are selected. The department would manage the nomination process and the committee would put forward recommendations of community members that they think should nominate. It was advised that the KCC would have a chance to provide feedback on the applications and then EWG members will be selected by the department.

Action Item:

- Establish an Economic Working Group
- Circulate the Site Characterisation Themes
See attached

Community Benefit Programme – Sue Hall

Sue Hall from AusIndustry addressed the committee and asked if they had any questions regarding the Community Benefit Programme. Abbie Arbon will be the regular representative in Kimba and will be able to provide advice to people on their applications.

Discussion

- A member asked what the cutoff date for community benefit applications is? It was advised that the cutoff date is February 5 2018 and that applications should be submitted as soon as possible. It was raised that some people might be waiting on quotes to include in their application. If you have not received quotes by the dates just include as much information as possible and submit that as part of your application.
- A member asked whether all of the money designated to the community benefit package would have to be used? It was advised that if there are not enough approved applications to expend the allocated amount then it wouldn't be used.
- A member asked about extending the dates for the community benefit package. It was advised that these dates have been set last year and were extended based on the experiences learnt in the first round for Barndioota last year.
- A member asked what the expected timeframes were after the closing date. The department advised that it depends on the level of applications received. The

applications will come through in February and will be ready for assessment in March.

- A member asked about the committee's review and ranking process. It was advised that the committee will provide limited details to protect confidential business information. The committee will assess the value of each application to the community and not the likelihood of being a failure or success. The ranking process will involve the committee voting on whether the project is suitable. Each member ranks the applications and if there is an overall consensus then those projects can be agreed on.
- A member asked about a possible conflict of interest for members of the committee involved with community benefit programme applications. It was advised that AusIndustry have their own protocols for confidentiality and conflict of interest. It was mentioned that the committee would only approve applications which had a majority of support. Every member is able to view the applications on their criteria and what will benefit the community.
- A member asked whether it was possible to receive a list of applications before the committee review. It was advised that this is not possible as it would give the opportunity to research applications before the meeting which would be unfair on other applications. All the information on the applications will be given to members at the same time.
- A member asked whether AusIndustry would be available to answer questions. It was advised that they will run the whole review meeting. The way it worked previously was that members read through information on each application and the representative will answer questions before running a group discussion.
- A member asked about the date for the review meeting. It was advised that there will be a lot of applications so the date should be pushed back. The information won't be available in February so the best option is to move the date back to March. The committee agreed that the review meeting will be deferred until March.

Afternoon Session

Forward Program of Work

The committee suggested topics and presentations that should be discussed at future meetings. Due to the consultation and public information sessions that have already been held in Kimba there will be more specific areas of concern that members would like addressed.

Discussion

- A member asked if it was possible for every member to travel to ANSTO. It was advised that there is an open invitation to travel to ANSTO and interested parties should indicate their interest to Maree.
- A member suggested that telecommunications would be a good point for discussion. It was advised that the particular issue with telecommunication service would need to be identified so that can be taken to Telstra. Another member suggested that the main issue was that there are a large drop out zones and that internet speeds in the

Kimba District Council area could be improved. It was agreed that Telstra should be one of the future presenters.

- A member suggested that improving the TV services would be good to address. It was advised by another member that it is difficult to do so because the broadcasters own their material and infrastructure and there is no benefit for them to improve services in this area. If the internet services are improved then streaming TV becomes a reasonable solution as well.
- A member asked where the money for these upgrades would come from. It was advised that once Telstra is consulted and they can judge the issues presented to them then we can look at funding options. As an example, a recent Telstra upgrade on the Eyre Peninsula had funds come from the State Government, Federal Government and community funding.
- A member mentioned that they would like to hear from experts such as possibly Grain Producers South Australia, National Farmer's Federation, grain buyers and representatives from the farming industry on the agricultural side of things and community issues. Another member raised that Regional Development Australia has a sub committee for agriculture. The impact of a facility on agricultural business is a topic that comes up frequently in the community. The committee agreed that agricultural experts should present in future meetings.
- A member raised a concern about produce from the Kimba area and asked if they could have an expert from outside Kimba who buys grain from the area to come and present. The department advised that it will attempt to organise all of the requested experts but noted that certain agricultural businesses may be hesitant as it could appear as if they support the facility either way.
- A member suggested that it would be good to hear from CSIRO regarding the waste at Woomera and ARPANSA regarding licencing. The committee agreed that it would be worthwhile to have CSIRO and ARPANSA present.
- The department advised that it might be worthwhile having ANSTO present as they have most of the radioactive waste expert knowledge. It was also suggested that Geoscience Australia could present on the site characterisation work and that the approved tender company could also give a presentation on their work in the area.
- The suggested presenters were agreed by the committee.

Other items

- A member asked whether the school had been offered financial incentive for having the department visit. It was advised that the department contacts the principal before every visit and that the presentations at the school have not been based on the facility. ANSTO and Geoscience Australia have both presented at the school but these presentations have been science lessons. The school has not taken a position on the facility.
- A member asked whether the LIDAR survey boundaries were extended. LIDAR is an aerial radar that measures the ground in a lot of detail. It was advised that within the constraints of the budget we are trying to cover as much of the area as possible. The contract is still under negotiation.

- The committee agreed that it would be a good idea to make all members email addresses available to the committee.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting of the KCC will be on March 15th to review the Community Benefit Package applications. This was postponed from February due to the large number of applications anticipated in the Community Benefit Package.

Action Item

- Provide members email addresses to the committee.