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Media Release: Kimba Phase 1 Summary Report Available

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Following the completion of a Phase 1 consultation process in Kimba (SA), the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science has released a Summary Report.

The report covers the Phase 1 Kimba consultation relating to the two volunteered sites at Kimba for the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

The consultation process included some 300 direct consultations, an estimated 250 attendees at large community events, 396 submissions and three project newsletters and an information pack.

The report also includes stakeholder views from the Kimba community about the radioactive waste facility in relation to the two sites.

The consultation concluded with a community ballot (independently conducted) which showed 57.4 per cent of the community supported progressing to Phase 2 for a National Radioactive Low/Intermediate Level Waste Management Facility.

Taking into account the sentiments expressed during the consultation process and the ballot results, the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia Senator Matt Canavan decided to progress the two volunteered sites in Kimba – Lyndhurst and Napandee.

"The two sites in Kimba have moved into a Phase 2 detailed consultation because there is a broad level of support in the community," a department spokesperson said.

"The Summary Report provides the community with an overview of findings in relation to the Phase 1 consultation process."

"As the Minister has made clear, progression to Phase 2 does not constitute a final decision on the location of the facility. Further detailed consultation and technical studies will now be completed to assess the suitability of the sites."

The other nominated site, Wallerberdina Station remains under consideration with technical studies and a heritage assessment continuing in consultation with the community.

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