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WALLERBERDINA STATION

Tuesday 20 February 2018

Economic Working Group

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Location: Hawker CWA Hall

Time	Item	Lead
12:15 – 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 1:15	Introduction and welcome	
1:15 – 1:45	Update and Other Business	Stephen Clarke
1:45 – 2:30	Site Characterisation - AECOM Introduction and overview	James Rusk (AECOM)
2:30	Afternoon Tea	

Attendees:

Malcolm McKenzie (Co-chair)	Ashley Haywood
John Coulthard	Deidre McKenzie
Ronald 'Mopsy' Daniel	Kevin Wedding

Apologies:

Rachel Vella	Ian Carpenter (Co-chair)
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Other Attendees:

Name	Organisation
James Rusk	AECOM – Project Manager
Bruce Wilson	DIIS NRWMF – Principal Adviser
Zaaheer McKenzie	DIIS NRWMF – Community Consultation
Stephen Clarke	DIIS NRWMF – Community Consultation
Ian Carter	DIIS NRWMF – Community Consultation
Nicholas Clifford-Hordacre	DIIS NRWMF – Community Consultation

Action Items	Status
Action 1: Members confirmed approval to proceed with Industry Day planned for the first week of May 2018.	Complete
Action 2: The department to provide an update to ANSTO including action to contact Maree and Leigh Creek schools.	Complete
Action 3: The department to send a link to the senate inquiry to members.	Complete (Send with minutes)
Action 4: The department to provide members with AECOM presentation and potential job opportunities spreadsheet.	Complete
Action 5: Members to consider jobs outlined in spreadsheet and provide contacts to AECOM and the department where appropriate.	Complete

Meeting opened 1:00pm

Welcome to Country

- Mr McKenzie welcomed those present to the meeting and John Coulthard gave a welcome to country.

Update

Bruce Wilson provided a short update on the project including the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Work and the beginning of site characterisation work by AECOM.

Bruce Wilson informed the Economic Working Group (EWG) of the following activities:

- Seismic work to commence on Friday 23 February 2018.
- RPS Australia Heritage report due by 14 March 2018.
- AECOM site characterisation work to be complete by July 2018.
- A member expressed their concerns regarding members of the public visiting during site characterisation work as a safety concern.
 - The department has talked to landowners and they agree:
 - access should be limited and
 - visitors to be cleared by landowners.

Industry Day

Stephen Clarke provided an update on the industry day to members. The department will start to seek out contacts as suggested by the EWG.

- Members discussed timing of the event and due to the Victorian and South Australian school holidays and the four day Easter break, members agreed that the first week of May would be appropriate.
- An event company has been engaged to coordinate activities and

- Mark Malcolm – Regional Development Australia is the key contact for the event.

Action 1: Members confirmed approval to proceed with Industry Day planned for the first week of May 2018.

ANSTO traineeships and work experience

Stephen Clarke provided an update on the ANSTO work experience program to members.

- Quorn School - Work Experience at Lucas Heights is confirmed for the week commencing Monday 9 April. Twelve students, with their parents' consent, have applied for the experience and they will be accompanied by two teachers. This group includes students ranging from Year 7 to Year 12. The school has run a basic screening process to separate the students that are most interested in the experience from those more interested in a trip to Sydney.
- Hawker School - An information session was delivered at the school in early December 2017. It was well attended but the feedback was a number of the students have already visited Lucas Heights so there was not sufficient interest to run a program. ANSTO remains committed to providing the experience for Hawker students if the level of interest increases. They can also add a small number of Hawker students into the Quorn program if this is more convenient for the school.
- Leigh Creek - The principal of Leigh Creek has received some basic information on the work experience program. She is interested in the opportunity and ANSTO has indicated that they would be able to deliver a program in the second half of 2018.
- A member suggested that Hawker, Maree and Leigh Creek schools could send students together.

Action 2: The department to provide an update to ANSTO including action to contact Maree and Leigh Creek schools.

Other business

- A member expressed their concern regarding rumours being circulating in the community regarding how much committee members are being paid.
 - All members agreed it wasn't a concern and that they were just rumours.
- Bruce Wilson informed members panel rates are publicly available although the Department is unable to disclose payments to individuals due to privacy restrictions.

Community vote

Bruce Wilson explained that a vote should take place sometime after the middle of this year – a date was still being worked through with the Minister after taking into account the timing of information required to inform the vote.

- A member expressed concerns regarding how Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association (ATLA) and Viliwarinha Yura Aboriginal Corporation (VYAC) vote and how it will be taken into account.
 - Mr Wilson noted that there were a number of options for this which needed to be worked through. The Government's position remained that the Minister will take into account a whole range of stakeholder views but that no group or individual group will have a right to veto.
- The Barndioota Consultative Committee will continue to be consulted on voting arrangements.
- The Department will also consult the Flinders Rangers Council and the Outback Community Authority along with the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC).

Senate Inquiry

- Bruce Wilson provided a short update regarding the senate inquiry.
- A member suggested that they would like to attend the hearing in person.

Action 3: The department to provide the EWG a link to the senate inquiry web page.

AECOM presentation

James Rusk (AECOM) provided an overview of the site characterisation work to be carried out at Wallerberdina Station sites.

- A member expressed concerns regarding employment of Indigenous people in the tenderers contract.
- AECOM provided a spreadsheet outlining jobs that may be available through each stage.
- A member stated the AECOM contract needs to prioritise local job opportunities for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal workers and businesses in the Hawker/Quorn district.
- The member also stated any ongoing work associated with the project needs to focus on hiring locally and procuring goods and services locally from the Hawker/Quorn district.

Action 4: The department will review the AECOM contract and work with AECOM to identify specific opportunities for indigenous employment

Action 5: The department to provide members with AECOM presentation and potential job opportunities spreadsheet.

Action 6: Members to consider jobs outlined in the spreadsheet and provide contacts to AECOM and the department.

Meeting closed 2:30pm