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# Minutes

Kimba

*Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018*

## Economic Working Group

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Location: DIIS office Kimba, 49 High Street Kimba SA 5641

Time	Item	Lead
15:30	Coffee, Tea & biscuits on arrival	
15:30-16:00	AECOM Site Characterisation Update	AECOM – James Rusk
16:00 – 16:30	Introduction and Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Apologies</li><li>- Agenda</li><li>- Business arising 27 June Meeting Notes</li><li>- Approval Draft 27 June Meeting Notes</li><li>- Debrief on construction Information – Kimba Economic Working Group (KEWG) to discuss</li></ul>	Co - Chairs
16:30– 17:00	Project Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- AECOM update</li><li>- Cadence to present on economic study</li><li>- UQ to ongoing socio – economic study</li></ul>	DIIS – Bruce Wilson
17:00– 17:30	Update on Economic Studies	Cadence Economics – George Michalas and Steve Brown
17:30	Meeting close	

### Attendees:

David Schmidt (Chair)	Heather Baldock
Christine Lehmann	Charlie Milton
Dean Johnson	Pat Beinke
Laura Fitzgerald	

### Apologies:

Deb Larwood

### Other Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Bruce Wilson	DIIS: NRWFM Project Team – Principal Advisor

Rebecca Mouthaan	DIIS: NRWFM Project Team - Manager of Community Consultation Team
Ian Carter	DIIS: NRWFM Project Team – Manager in the Community Consultation Team
Adam White	DIIS: NRWFM Project Team - Community Consultation Team
Stephanie Skinner	DIIS: NRWFM Project Team – Community Consultation Team
Maree Barford	DIIS: NRWFM Project Team – Community Liaison Officer
Steve Brown	Cadence Economics
George Michalas	Cadence Economics
James Rusk	AECOM

Action Items	Status
<b>Action 1:</b> The department and KEWG members to advertise the Minister’s visit	Complete
<b>Action 2:</b> The department to send the Cadence Economics report to members of the KEWG	Complete

*Meeting opened 3:30pm*

## AECOM Update

- Mr James Rusk described the purpose, objectives, and findings of site characterisation studies at Napandee and Lyndhurst.
- The site characterisation study investigated:
  - The above and below ground environment.
  - Flora and Fauna.
  - Frequency of bushfires and how prone the areas are.
  - Determined the area has background radiation levels which makes monitoring a bit easier.
  - Water Drainage was looked at, no issues present.
  - Seismicity and faults - no presence of faults at either site.
- Drilling conducted on site was used to test the hydrogeology:
  - Saline at both sites.
  - Test pits in between bores were drilled, no perched water tables discovered.
- Other areas investigated:
  - Landform stability was looked investigated to determine suitability for hosting a facility.
  - Enabling Infrastructure associated or needed to support the facility. Local roads, need sealing or upgrades. Power infrastructure needed. Potential to hook into the NBN once it reaches Kimba. Mobile data would need some towers put in.
- Local businesses that contributed to AECOM were listed.
- The site characterisation study includes a range of mitigation measures that would be put in place at the facility to deal with fires, floods, earthquakes, etc.
- Stage 2 works to take place once site is selected, however the purpose will be to get more granular details to use in facility design rather than identify show-stopping issues as was the purpose in Stage 1.

### **Discussion items**

- The department explained that it have had questions on the different stages, and if the project progresses to stage 2 does that mean there's something missed in Stage 1. Mr Wilson explained that's not how it works, the department look for big show stoppers in Stage 1 and follow on from this baseline data with more comprehensive information in Stage 2.
- A member asked about how the NBN would be structured.
  - AECOM is talking to providers and looking at existing options, NBN will be explored when available.

## Debrief on Construction Event

- The Chair stated it was a good event and have heard glowing reports, everybody walked out with information.
- A member reminded the department the KEWG had come up with the idea for the construction event and was disappointed the idea was taken by the department and repeated in Quorn for the Wallerberdina Economic Working Group. The member also noted

a request to fund audio visual technology for the Kimba construction event was declined by the department. The member expressed concern that funding for similar equipment was approved for the Hawker Industry Expo Day.

- Mr Wilson took responsibility for the decision to share information with Hawker, as it was a big event that would benefit both communities. Mr Wilson highlighted the construction night in Kimba was more comprehensive than the Hawker event. Mr Wilson stated if the event was run in Kimba and not Hawker, then the Department would be seen to favour Kimba. Mr Wilson highlighted that Hawker Economic Working Group had the idea for having the ANSTO school tours and this idea was also shared with both communities. Mr Wilson acknowledged and recognised the disappointment. Mr Wilson thanked the KEWG for their efforts.
- A member asked if Regional Development Australia (RDA) were invited to the event?
  - Ian Carter confirmed he had contacted the RDA and extended an invitation.
- Ms Barford informed the KEWG though TAFE SA were not able to attend the event information packs were delivered and they would like to be included in future events.
- Industry Capability Network SA stated they are happy to be contacted by local business and provide further information.
- It was noted SafeWork SA were valued, had practical outcomes and offered great benefits to local business.
- The chair expressed the view that if the facility doesn't go any further, the information from the event will be beneficial.
- An attendee list has been handed to the committee, approximately 120 people attended the event.
- Further feedback on the night from the community to the KEWG stated they were appreciative for the introductions and information available on the night.

## Other business

- Minutes from last meeting were approved by the KEWG.

## Project update

- The Minister's trip is arranged for the 30<sup>th</sup> of July and the information session is arranged for the 6<sup>th</sup> of August.
- A member asked about the Minister's agenda.
  - The department responded that there was no specific agenda, however the Minister would probably talk about the recently announced community development package.
- Mr Wilson informed the KEWG a webinar has been confirmed with Bruce Wilson, Adi Paterson, Ben Heard, Geoff Currie, Dave Sweeney, Margaret Beavis, and Jim Green on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August. Looking to get question from the community beforehand.
- Mr Wilson informed the KEWG the webinar is not a debate. The webinar will have two themes, the value of nuclear technology in Australia and approaches to managing radioactive waste.
- The department can make the Kimba office available for people to come and view the webinar. A viewing of the last webinar can also be arranged if people want that.
- The department will attend the Senate Inquiry on 2 August.

- The chair asked does the rest of the community know about the Minister's visit? Members suggested sharing posts on social media accounts and through the council.

## Update on Economic Studies

- George Michalas spoke about the Economic Impact Assessment of the proposed facility.
- Member asked if people in the operation of a facility receive a higher wage than normal.
  - The department responded that it will depend who is running it, if it's government operated then it would be similar to APS rates which would likely be higher than average in Kimba. If private then it would be up to them.
- Mr Michalas informed the KEWG, Cadence Economics conducted a literature review to determine if similar facilities internationally posed a negative effect on property or agriculture prices. The review provided no evidence of adverse effects on property, tourism or agriculture prices.

## Discussion on community benefits package

- The chair asked for feedback on the package.
- The KEWG asked for some clarification on legislation from Mr Wilson.
  - Mr Wilson informed the KEWG the current legislation will be rewritten. The \$20 million fund is to be delivered to the community to go forward into the future. The \$8 million fund will be more structured, focused more on training and capability development. The \$3 million will be provided for Aboriginal training as part of the package. It is not made available exclusively to the traditional owners but for all Aboriginal people. The department added that there is a requirement for Aboriginal employment as well.
  - Mr Wilson informed the KEWG work on the guidelines will take place with the community over the next year.
- A member asked if the community cannot spend the money on skills and training, what happens to the balance.
  - The department responded this still needs to be established, cannot comment right now.
- A member expressed the view the fund does not address local business concerns.
  - The department replied the package could potentially fund an economic development officer, as an example.
- A member asked how the Minister came up with the numbers.
  - The department responded, the Minister took the proposal to cabinet and that was based on feedback from communities. Budget committee reviewed it and it was highly scrutinised, this is what the government felt that they are willing to put on the table.
- A member asked if the Minister had a provision for the future.
  - The department stated it will be on the community to use the money for the future.
- Concern was expressed that the \$8 million will only benefit a small sector of the community.
  - The department stated it will depend on the guidelines. The package is about skills, training and economic diversity. It is about community strength. The community needs to be sufficient to support that construction. For example hospital funding

may be possible if more people are coming to the town. More socially related fields may find funding through the \$20 million fund instead.

- A member asked if training and upskilling of tradies from outside Kimba would occur.
  - The department said this cannot be ruled that out at this stage.
- A member asked if there is going to be any monitoring of the health and wellbeing of the community if it does not get selected.
  - The department responded the health and wellbeing of the community is something the department has considered on how to handle. The department is open to ideas if there is a need.
- A member asked if it is worthwhile showing the welcome pack for Kimba to the Minister.
  - The department responded that this might be a good idea.
- A member asked if it would be a good idea for the KEWG to put together questions between now and next week.
- A member asked who will chair the Minister's visit.
  - The department will arrange with Allan Suter.
  - The Minister will make sure that people who want to ask questions will get the chance.

*Meeting closed 5:30pm*