

MEDIA STATEMENT

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National Radioactive Waste Management Facility: Statement on conciliation status

The following can be attributed to a spokesperson for the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science:

“The department understands the Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation and District Council of Kimba have ended conciliation in the Australian Human Rights Commission without being able to resolve their differences,” said the spokesperson.

“Community consultation is central to this process, and the department is continuing to actively seek views about the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility. As the legal case between the two parties’ remains ongoing it is not possible at this point to fix a date for the closure of the consultative processes.

“However, we are mindful of the need to reach a decision on the current nominations as quickly as possible and the department thanks the communities around the three nominated sites for their patience.

“The Government continues to work to hear the views of all community members, including local residents, neighbours, business owners and Traditional Owners.

“This includes our direct work with Aboriginal communities both for and against the proposal, and surrounding all three sites currently under consideration.

“We are continuing to accept submissions, our community liaison officers continue to work on the ground and the department is continuing to visit the relevant communities.

“Anyone wanting more information about the project ahead of the decision on the three sites this year, can continue to drop in to one of our project offices, call, email or make a submission.”

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