



# Newsletter

KIMBA

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## Extension of submissions deadline

The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science has confirmed that it is extending the deadline for submissions on the proposed National Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

The submission period remains open while the Council ballots are on hold during current legal proceedings. The department will provide further advice on the closing date for submissions in due course.

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

“As other parts of the consultation process are ongoing, the submissions period will also be extended so that people have more opportunities to make their views known.

“Public and private submissions will be considered, alongside direct feedback from a range of key stakeholders, including neighbouring landowners and Traditional Owners.

“These inputs are one set of factors the Minister will take into account in understanding community sentiment for the Facility, ahead of a decision this year.

“The Minister has also said he is committed to hearing the views of locals living around the three sites, and the department will undertake a process to do so as soon as the current matters are resolved.”

## Making a submission

When sending your submission, please note:

- To include your contact details in the submission and whether you wish to have it made public.
- All submissions to the department will be logged, assigned a reference number and made public on our website where permission is provided.
- Content may be redacted where publication is defamatory or abusive in nature or where release of information may breach privacy obligations.
- Quantitative, non-identifiable data will be collected and may be published.
- If a submission has been made prior to 1 August 2018 you can write to us and let us know that you wish that to be taken as your view, rather than providing a further submission.

Submissions can be made by:

Email: [radioactivewaste@industry.gov.au](mailto:radioactivewaste@industry.gov.au)

Post: The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science – National Radioactive Waste Section  
GPO Box 2013, Canberra, ACT, 2601

The National Radioactive Waste Management Facility will only be located at a site that has been volunteered by a landowner, on land that is technically suitable, and with a surrounding community who is broadly supportive of this new industry.

For further information on the project and submissions visit [radioactivewaste.gov.au](http://radioactivewaste.gov.au)

## Webinar



Panel members at the webinar

A two hour webinar was held during August to give the community and panel members a chance to ask questions about the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility. The webinar panel consisted of eight people, with different expertise and was moderated by the Mayor of Port Augusta, Sam Johnson.

The topics discussed:

- The need/rationale for a national Facility, Australia's legacy and future waste streams
- Current and possible future approaches to the management of radioactive waste in Australia and internationally
- Australia's current policy and regulatory framework – is it fit for purpose?
- The design and operation of the Facility
- Selecting sites for radioactive waste – current and alternative approaches
- How to promote an informed and progressive community discussion.

The panel members included:

- Bruce Wilson
- Dave Sweeney
- Dr Adi Paterson
- Dr Margaret Beavis
- Dr Ben Heard
- Dr Geoff Currie
- Dr Jim Green
- Scott Ludlam.

This webinar was recorded and is available on our website:

[radioactivewaste.gov.au/site-selection-process/key-documents-and-faqs](http://radioactivewaste.gov.au/site-selection-process/key-documents-and-faqs)

## Game meat feasibility study

Chestwood Meats Pty Ltd received \$52,200 to develop a feasibility study. The study will determine the viability of constructing and operating a game meat processing plant in the Kimba region, as part of the Community Benefit Programme.

"The business would be a new identity promoting game meat sourced from the Gawler Ranges and Eyre Peninsula," said Pam Larwood of Chestwood Meats.

"We are investigating the use of whole carcasses including human consumption meat, pet food, and skin sales."

"We see the benefits of a processing plant to compliment the current agriculture industry, by being ecologically sustainable for both game and landowners.

"Employment opportunities for processing workers, transport workers, administration staff, qualified meat inspectors. On job training could be an option for unskilled workers."

"Receiving grant money has allowed us to gain the services of a consultant to aid us with conducting a feasibility study, which otherwise would have been not possible," said Pam.

For further information on the Community Benefit Programme visit: [www.radioactivewaste.gov.au](http://www.radioactivewaste.gov.au)

## Community Development Package

The Federal Government has confirmed an increased Community Development Package of up to \$31 million will be available to the community successfully chosen as the future site of the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

The package will include:

- \$8 million Community Skills and Development Program
- \$20 million to deliver long term infrastructure and development benefits to the community
- Up to \$3 million over three years to strengthen Indigenous skills training and cultural heritage protection in the successful community.

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## Flora and fauna at Napandee and Lyndhurst



The Lyndhurst site in Kimba

As part of the ongoing site characterisation studies, AECOM conducted flora and fauna surveys within the Napandee and Lyndhurst sites, on adjacent land and alongside roadways in the local area.

The fauna surveys involved observations, cameras, and catch and release survey methods for reptiles and ground-dwelling fauna. A flora survey was also conducted in September.

## Kimba Community Information Session - Questions and Answers

A range of questions were posed at the Community Information Session held in Kimba on Monday 6th August to an expert panel that included representatives from the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA), the Australian Nuclear Science Technology Organisation (ANSTO), the Department of the Environment and Energy, and the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (DIIS).

Some frequently asked questions, can be found below:

**If the facility comes to Kimba, is the waste going to be transported ready for storage or will it be encased in concrete on site?**

The NRWMF will be designed with a limited capacity for some final conditioning and packaging of incoming materials. This will not involve reopening raw waste material. It will be in effect to add the final top up to existing packages. This will significantly reduce the cost of transport without any compromise to safety.

All waste will be required to be conditioned and packaged at the source prior to transport in line with strict ARPANSA requirements. In addition, the waste packages will need to meet the Facility's waste acceptance criteria including being fully immobilised, solid and non-dispersible.

**Is there the possibility of doing research at the facility, and having the facility be in part a research facility?**

Adi Patterson: ANSTO believes there would be interest in having scientific tourism with possible conferences and related events at the Facility.

## Factsheets



For all the latest factsheets including:

- Heritage at Kimba
- Napandee site study
- Lyndhurst site study
- Facility concept design

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The Kimba information session

# In response to the Conservation Council S.A and Australian Conservation Foundation letterbox drop

Two flyers were recently delivered to local residents, both of which contained a number of incorrect statements regarding the proposed National Radioactive Waste Management Facility. We provide the following factual information for the community:

## Material to be stored at the Facility

The Facility will dispose of low level radioactive waste and temporarily store intermediate level waste. Low level waste includes items such as gloves, gowns and used vials from ANSTO's medicine production facilities in Sydney's Lucas Heights. Intermediate level waste includes spent fuel – a point which has been made in much of our correspondence, photos and presentations, over several years. As has been made clear, intermediate level waste will be stored at the Facility for decades, while a separate disposal path is established for a different type of facility.

## Indigenous heritage

The department has been working closely with Traditional Owners to ensure that cultural heritage is protected and preserved during the consultation process and technical reports. If any of these sites are progressed, that consultation would continue.

## Community benefits and investment

Significant work has been done to answer the community's question about what benefits and investment a Facility would bring to their area. You asked how many jobs would be created, and after a lot of work we provided the organisation chart for the new organisation, which includes 45 jobs in areas like waste operations, community outreach, environmental monitoring and more. You said you wanted the community package reworked, and a comprehensive \$31 million Community Development Package was therefore developed, which includes an \$8 million Community Skills and Development Program which will be paid at a rate of \$2 million a year from next year to assist with upskilling and training (before the Facility is constructed), \$20 million in a Community Fund for long-term support, and \$3 million in new money dedicated to an Aboriginal Economic Heritage Participation Plan.

## Transport routes

Once a site has been selected, work will be directed towards planning on the routes and appropriate levels of consultation will occur. As we have said, depending on the type of waste that will be safely transported, a combination of road, rail and sea transport will be used, and in line with this, an independent report into the characteristics of the sites identified some potential ports.

## Determining support

A site will only progress if it is broadly supported by the community. The government has worked hard to ensure the community is at the centre of this process.

A range of factors may be taken into account when making a final decision on the site, and the levels of community support will be assessed through a range of factors. This includes collecting views of important stakeholders, such as Traditional Owners and neighbouring landowners, the community ballot and submissions received. Due to the multiple range of inputs to this decision, it's not possible to reduce support to a single number. Every community is different, and this process is designed to ensure all views are taken into account.

This has been an ongoing process for the communities around Kimba and Wallerberdina Station for two to three years, and the community has communicated to us that they have all the information they need to make their decision. We look forward to receiving the communities' views.

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