



Australian Government
Department of Industry,
Innovation and Science

National Radioactive Waste Management Facility

Barndioota Consultative Committee

Meeting Notes

Wednesday 14th March 2018

Agenda

Time	Item	Lead
Tea and coffee available from 09:30		
10:00-10:05	Welcome to country	Aaron Stuart
10:05-10:15	Opening and Welcome – Apologies	Paul Thomas, Independent Convener
10:15-13:00	Community Benefit Programme – Introduction – Member interest – Reading Time – Application discussion and feedback	Adam Comley, AusIndustry
13:00 -13:45	Lunch Break	
13:45-15:00	Application discussions and feedback	All
15:00-15:15	Afternoon Tea	
15:15-17:00	Application discussion and feedback	All

Attendees:

Paul Thomas (Convener)	John Rowe	Rachel Vella
Greg Flint (Deputy Convener)	Jon Gill	Julia Henderson
Susan Andersson	Philip Fels	David Michael
Dianne Ashton	Steven Taylor	Cecilia Woolford
Denise Carpenter	John Hennessy	Aaron Stuart
Ronald Daniel	Janice McInnis	Ashley Haywood

Apologies:

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Other Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Bruce McCleary	DIIS: NRWMF Project Team – General Manager
Ian Carter	DIIS: NRWMF Project Team – Community Consultation Team
Adam White	DIIS: NRWMF Project Team - Community Consultation Team
Sue Selby	DIIS: NRWMF Project Team - Community Consultation Team
Zaheer McKenzie	DIIS: NRWMF Project Team - Community Consultation Team
Adam Comley	AusIndustry
Shannon Manuel	AusIndustry

Action Items

Item	Status
1. Circulate the draft Observer Protocol to committee members	Complete – Sent 23 march 2018
2. Community Benefit Programme (CBP) Media release to be sent to committee members once available	Complete – Announced 11 April 2018 Available here
3. Provide the BCC with an update from Wallerberdina Economic Working Group (WEWG)	Complete – provided at 11 April 2018 BCC Meeting
4. Send the latest WEWG meeting notes to committee members once approved	In Progress – WEWG will add this as an agenda item at 14 May 2018 meeting A member of the WEWG provided a update
5. Monthly newsletters to be posted	Complete – newsletters posted Available here

Meeting opened 10:00am

Welcome to Country

- Aaron Stuart gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

Housekeeping

Discussion

- Members discussed the arrangements for observers sitting in on committee meetings. It was advised that the department is working through the process to have an observer protocol developed. The current arrangement still stands until the protocol is finalised.

Community Benefit Programme Process

AusIndustry gave an overview of the Community Benefit Programme process for ranking the project applications.

AusIndustry advised members on possible conflicts of interest and members were required to complete a declaration of interest form prior to the meeting.

Members must state whether they are supportive or not supportive of each project application and give each application a score from 0 to 10. It was advised that if members scored a project as a zero then it would be considered that they are not supportive of the project. The scores will then be collected, averaged and summarised at the end of the meeting.

The committee agreed to score each application.

Discussion

- A member asked whether the decisions on the projects are made by the Minister. AusIndustry advised that the next step is for the AusIndustry Programme Delegate to consider the projects and take into account the feedback from the Consultative Committees and the results of the merit assessment process. The final decisions are to be made by the AusIndustry Delegate.

Application reading time

Members were allocated 30 Minutes to read through the application summaries.

Application Discussion

The committee discussed each application individually and explored any issues or concerns they might have had on the applications.

The focus for the discussions was the economic benefits to the community and the sustainability of each project. This included whether the projects met multiple merit criteria.

The rigorous discussion gave each member an opportunity to contribute their thoughts and feedback on each application.

AusIndustry Summary of Scoring

AusIndustry went through the project applications and their rankings. It was clarified AusIndustry would also score each application and be presented to the AusIndustry Delegate for approval.

Discussion

- A member asked whether the BCC would know the successful applications before the official media release is sent by the Minister.
 - AusIndustry informed the committee the release of successful projects will be announced on the Ministers website.

Action Item:

- Send the media release to committee members once it is released.

Other Items

Other topics raised

- A member asked about an update from the WEWG. An update from the February meeting was provided by a committee member who is also on the WEWG. An update for March was added to the agenda for the next Consultative Committee meeting. The most recent meeting notes from the WEWG will be circulated to committee members once approved.
- A member asked whether the local Community Liaison Officer's contract was extended. The Department advised that he has been extended as the community consultation process is still continuing.
- A member asked whether hard copies of the latest newsletter had been posted. It was advised that the department would ensure that they had been sent a circulated copies to any members who may not have received them.

Action Items:

- Send the latest WEWG meeting notes to committee members.
- Monthly newsletters to be posted.

Meeting closed 3.00pm