



Australian Government
Department of Industry,
Innovation and Science

National Radioactive Waste Management Facility

Kimba Consultative Committee

Meeting Notes

Thursday 15th March 2018 &

Friday 16th March 2018

Agenda – Thursday 15 March

Time	Item	Lead
09:30-10:00	KCC members arrive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tea and coffee 	
10:00-10:10	Welcome and Housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies Overview of the meeting agenda 	Allan Suter, Independent Convener
10:10-10:30	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member Interests 	AusIndustry, Adam Comley
10:30-11:00	Reading Time	All
11:00-11:15	Morning Tea Break	
11:15-13:00	Application discussion and feedback	All
13:00-13:45	Lunch Break	
13:45-15:00	Application discussion and feedback	All
15:00-15:15	Afternoon Tea	
15:15-17:00	Application discussion and feedback	All

Agenda – Friday 16 March

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09:30-10:00	KCC members arrive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tea and coffee 	
10:00-10:30	Application discussion and feedback	All
10:30-11:00	Average Scores	AusIndustry, Adam Comley AusIndustry, Abbie Arbon
11:00-11:15	Morning Tea Break	
11:15-12:30	Other Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of draft notes for meeting on 18 January 2018 	DIIS – Bruce McCleary

Attendees:

Allan Suter (Convener)	Randall Cliff	Peta Willmott
Dean Johnson (Deputy Convener)	Kellie Hunt	Peter Woolford
Symon Allen	Jeff Koch	Amy Wright
Heather Baldock	Meagan Lienert	Toni Scott
Jeff Baldock	Kerri Rayson	

Apologies:

Sally Inglis	Pat Beinke	
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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
Maree Barford	DIIS: NRWMF Project Team - Community Consultation Team
Adam Comley	AusIndustry
Abbie Arbon	AusIndustry

Action Items

Item	Status
1. Send the Community Benefit Programme media release of successful projects to committee members.	Complete Available here
2. Send the NRWM Act 2012 to committee members.	Complete Available here
3. Clarification on hospital waste to go to the facility.	Complete Information on the volume of waste - Link to Australian Radioactive Management Framework here
4. Provide the latest inventory numbers to the committee	Complete Available – Link to Australian Radioactive Management Framework here
5. Add item to the April agenda to discuss options for the Capital Contribution Fund.	Complete
6. Provide the council correspondence on the Capital Contribution Fund to committee members.	Complete
7. John Reed to present at KCC	In Progress – Mayor Suter has contacted Mr Reed.
8. LIDAR report to be sent to committee	In Progress – survey commenced 4 April 2018 – no report, data included in site characterisation work – confirmed 12,000 ha for each site
9. Confidentiality protocol to be sent to the committee once convener has approved	Complete
10. ANSTO to present at April meeting	Complete
11. Woomera Waste Update	Complete Available – Link to Australian Radioactive Management Framework here

Meeting opened 10:30am

Welcome

Allan Suter welcomed the committee as the Independent Convener and each member introduced themselves to the committee.

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. If members were unsure whether they should vote on a project or not it was advised to check with AusIndustry or not to participate in the scoring if they didn't feel comfortable.

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 any remainder of the \$2 million dollars would be available if the full amount was not spent. It was advised that it would be unlikely that the money would be available again if it wasn't spent but ultimately it would be the Minister's decision.

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 they 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 application scores and rankings. It was clarified that AusIndustry would also score each application and be presented to the AusIndustry Delegate for approval.

Discussion

- A member asked what would happen if the merit assessment ranks certain projects higher than ranked by the committee and certain projects missed out. It was advised that there are two steps in the process following the meeting. The actual merit assessment where the applications get scored. The AusIndustry delegate has the ability and is required to approve the projects to fit in with the funding profile. So not only is it the \$2 million dollars, AusIndustry has to spend a certain amount this year and a certain amount next year. So for example if you got two applications that scored a 7 but one of them fits in with the funding profile and the other doesn't, then that could be the cut off point. We try and get the most merit-orious projects to get up and then we try and fit it within the spending profile when we get down to deciding which way to go. We will get as close to \$2 million dollars, without going over.
- A member asked for a brief explanation of the merit system. AusIndustry advised that there are 3 parts to the merit criteria. Part 1 is that an application has the capability to deliver, part 2 is the benefit to the community of the project and part 3 is value for money.
- A member asked about the expected timeframes of the process. AusIndustry advised that they cannot advise of a specific date at this stage but they expected it to be weeks, not months. Once the projects get agreement they will then go to the Minister's office. Once confirmed we will endeavour to inform the committees as soon as possible once the successful projects are announced.
- AusIndustry also advised that this process is still confidential and committee members are not to speak on the specifics which were spoken about at this meeting.

Action Item:

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

Approval of the meeting notes from January 18th 2018

Discussion

- A member asked for clarification on whether the committee or the department would select the Kimba Economic Working Group members. After some discussion it was agreed by the KCC the department will select the members.
- A member asked for clarification whether the vote would include an option to state a preference for which site was preferred. It was advised that this same issue existed for the last vote at Kimba and AEC's advice had been to not have various options – rather a yes or no vote. This learning is expected to be maintained for the next vote.

Approval of the meeting notes February 22nd 2018

Discussion

- A member asked for clarification on a response regarding the package of benefits the community should expect should the facility go ahead. It was advised that the existing provisions are set out in the NRWM Act 2012. The department encourages communities to make any requests for changes to the current provisions as soon as practicable so they can be considered and evaluated. It was also identified the KCC may need to do a brainstorming meeting to discuss all the various requirements the community may seek.
- A member asked for clarification regarding the size of the area for the LIDAR surveys. Originally it read that the LIDAR surveys would measure up to 12,000 hectares. This was amended to read that it would measure 12,000 hectares around each site.

Action Item:

- Send the NRWM Act 2012 to members.
- Ian Carter to liaise with AECOM to determine the amount of area the LIDAR survey covered.

Other Items

Other topics raised

- A member asked for some more information to be provided on where the 100 sites around Australia are and what waste is there. This included clarification on what waste would be coming from hospitals such as the waste from ANSTO's nuclear medicine used at hospitals. It was advised that the department will seek answers and provide them to the committee.
- A member raised that there was a perception that the Capital Contribution Fund would not end up in the local community due to the money going through the state government. Adam Comley from AusIndustry advised this is the normal process to ensure federal funds
- A member asked whether the committee could discuss options for the Capital Contribution Fund in case the facility does end up in Kimba. It was advised that this would be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

- It was raised that the council was developing a list of options or requirements to be addresses by the department before a vote occurred.

Action Items:

- Clarification on the 100 waste sites around Australia and the hospital waste.
- Provide the latest inventory numbers to the committee.
- Add item to the agenda for the April meeting for the committee to discuss options being sought by the community regarding Funds in support of the Facility.
- AECOM clarificarition on the LIDAR survey area.