



Australian Government
**Department of Industry,
Innovation and Science**

**National Radioactive Waste
Management Program**

Barndioota Consultative Committee (BCC)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 16 October 2019

BARNDIOOTA CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (BCC)

Date: Wednesday 16 October 2019

Time: 11.00 – 15.00

Venue: Hawker Sports Centre, Hawker SA

Time	Item	Lead
10.50 – 11.00	Morning tea available	
11.00 – 11.05	1. Welcome to Country	Aaron Stuart, Member
11.05 – 11.20	2. Housekeeping a) Apologies b) Minutes from previous meeting c) Actions from previous meeting	Paul Thomas, Independent Convener
11.20 – 11.25	3. Observer Protocol Update	Sam Chard, DIIS
11.25 – 11.55	4. Community Benefit Program	Sam Chard, DIIS
11.55 – 12.15	5. Regional Consultative Committee update	Sam Chard, DIIS
12.15 – 12.30	6. NRWMF Community Fund Governance	Sam Chard, DIIS
12.30 – 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 – 13.25	7. Ballot and Surveys	Sam Chard, DIIS
13.25 – 13.55	8. CSIRO's Radioactive Waste Holdings	Jenny Baxter, CSIRO
13.55 – 14.05	9. Site Security Measures – Post Acquisition	Sam Chard, DIIS
14.05 – 14.15	10. Committee Renewals	Sam Chard, DIIS
14.15 – 14.45	11. Questions	Sam Chard, DIIS
14.45 – 15.00	Meeting Close / Tea and coffee available	

Member Attendees:

Paul Thomas (Convener)	Cecilia Woolford	John Hennessy
Greg Flint (Deputy Convener)	Susan Andersson	Steve Taylor
Ashley Haywood (Moose)	Denise Carpenter	Dianne Ashton
Julia Henderson	Jon Gill	Janice McInnis
Victor Clark	John Rowe	

Invited Guest:

Name:	Organisation:
William (Bill) McIntosh	Outback Communities Authority (OCA) Chair

Wallerberdina Economic Working Group (WEWG) Attendees:

Malcolm (Tiger) McKenzie (Co-Chairperson)	Ian Carpenter (Co-Chairperson)	Kevin Wedding
Deidre McKenzie	John Coulthard	

Apologies:

David Michaels	Philip Fels	Ronald Daniel (Mopsy)
Aaron Stuart		

Observers:

Sue Tulloch	Dean Hooper	Leon Ashton
Kathryn Thomas		

Departmental Attendees:

Name:	Organisation:
Sam Chard	NRWMF Taskforce – General Manager, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
Jenni Philippa	NRWMF Taskforce – Manager, Community Engagement Team, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
Nicholas Clifford-Hordacre	NRWMF Taskforce – Assistant Manager, Indigenous Engagement Team, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
Margaret-Rose McKenzie	NRWMF Taskforce – Hawker Community Liaison Officer, Community Engagement Team, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
Yvette Perera-Hardy	NRWMF Taskforce – Secretariat Officer, Community Engagement Team, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
Chase Michaels	NRWMF Taskforce – Executive Assistant, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science

Name:	Organisation:
Jenny Baxter	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)
Alex Scott	Adviser, Office of Senator Matthew Canavan
Alex Comley	AusIndustry – State Manager SA/NT, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
Tony Hobbs	AusIndustry – Program Support Officer, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science

ACTION REGISTER

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	BCC members to consider questions posed on the draft RCC guidelines for discussion at a future BCC meeting, when community feedback received will be included as an agenda item (not the new CBP workshop).	
	The Secretariat to include the RCC PowerPoint slides as an attachment within the meeting minutes.	
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	The department to organise an independent expert to discuss funding structures when more information about the CDP becomes available.	
BCC20191016/A06	<u>Actions related to Hawker Neighbour Survey :</u> The department to provide a map of pastoral stations surrounding Wallerberdina Station for members' information.	In progress
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	The department to amend the Neighbour Survey guidelines so it is consistent with the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999 (SA), which states that eligible participants need to have been living in council bounds for 30 days.	Complete
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BCC20190813/A10	The department to advise BCC members regarding the water flow rates and water properties	In progress
BCC20190813/A12	The department to make accessible the factsheet on waste findings at Woomera.	Complete
BCC20190813/A13	The department to make amendments to the Transition Strategy PowerPoint slide, so that the OCA is referenced with FRC as the Council.	In progress
BCC20190813/A16	The department to develop a transition strategy information package, inclusive of key points from Peta Ashworth's work.	In progress
BCC20190813/A18	The department to include the responses from the local business survey in the Community Sentiment Report to the Minister.	In progress

Meeting opened at 11.10 am.

1. Welcome to Country

Margaret-Rose McKenzie provided a Welcome to Country.

2. Housekeeping

The Convener welcomed BCC and WEWG committee members and introduced an invited guest, Mr William (Bill) McIntosh who was appointed Chairperson of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) in July 2019. Mr McIntosh will be seeking appointment as a member of the BCC during the upcoming committee member re-appointment process.

a) Apologies

Apologies were received from Ronald Daniel (Mopsy), David Michael, Philip Fels and Aaron Stuart. 4 observers nominated to attend.

b) Minutes from previous meeting

13 August 2019 minutes were distributed out of session. No comments or corrections were raised out of session. At the meeting, amendments were requested. The Committee ratified the minutes with amendments.

See Action_BCC20191016/A01: Correction to 13 August 2019 BCC Meeting Minutes - The Secretariat to correct all action item reference numbers (to BCC20190813), which aligns with the date of the August 2019 BCC meeting.

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c) Actions from previous meeting

Ms Chard reported that all Questions on notice were completed. Members agreed that the following action items remain outstanding.

Action_BCC20190815/A07: The department to send the Community Ballot information to all BCC members, ahead of the community ballot. This information will be available on the website (and will include the question that will be posed to constituents.)

Status: Ms Chard confirmed that once confirmed, the FRC Community Ballot dates and question will be published on the NRWM website.

Action_BCC20190815/A10: The department to advise BCC members regarding the water flow rates and water properties.

Status: The Secretariat will include information on the water flow rates and water properties, as an attachment to the 13 August 2019 BCC Minutes.

Action_BCC20190815/A12: The department to make accessible the factsheet on waste findings at Woomera.

Status: The Secretariat has included the factsheet on waste findings at Woomera, as an attachment to the 13 August 2019 BCC Minutes.

Action_BCC20190815/A13: The department to make amendments to the Transition Strategy PowerPoint slide, so that the OCA is referenced with FRC as the Council.

Status: The Secretariat will include the Transition Strategy PowerPoint slide, as an attachment to the 13 August 2019 BCC Minutes.

Action_BCC20190815/A16: The department to develop a transition strategy information package, inclusive of key points from Peta Ashworth's work.

Status: Jane Bailey met with community members on 16 and 17 September 2019. The department will take into consideration ideas gleaned from community members to develop the Transition Strategy Information Package, which will be distributed to members once finalised.

Action_BCC20190815/A18: The department to include the responses from the local business survey in the Community Sentiment Report to the Minister.

Status: Responses from the Hawker local business survey conducted by Dr Andersson will be included in the Final Community Sentiment Report to the Minister, following the conclusion and analysis of all other community sentiment gathering activities.

Prior to the 13 August 2019 BCC meeting, Dr Susan Andersson wrote to the department requesting confirmation that Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) would be protected at the NRWFMF to the extent that a large aircraft could be crashed into the site and not cause contamination beyond the 40 hectare site. The department's response was provided at the 13 August 2019 meeting and also included as part of the meeting minutes. Dr Andersson wrote to the department on 12 October 2019 to express dissatisfaction with the department's response and requested further explanation in writing.

Ms Chard confirmed that TN81 canisters will be the proposed vessels used to store ILW. Liquid ILW not stored in TN81 canisters will be embedded in Synroc to transform it to a dry form, and other dry waste will be conditioned and packaged to meet the regulator's (ARPANSA) internationally standardised safety requirements. The approach used to test the TN81 canisters' robustness and ability to contain contamination within the site, in event of an accident such as a large plane crash, will differ to the tests applied to non-TN81 sources. Therefore, the department cannot provide the same safety compliance assurance of the TN81 canisters, until testing of these sources are undertaken. Members were assured that the Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC) and waste packaging will be established for the specific site selected, in accordance with the site's distinctive geology. The WAC will be stringent and the facility will not accept any waste products that contravenes the regulator's safety requirements. Waste will be packaged using a multi-layered approach to minimise risk of contamination. Members were referred to the [Safely Managing Radioactive Waste](#) factsheet.

<p>See Action_BCC20191016/A02: The department to provide a written response to Dr Susan Andersson, on whether ILW will be protected at the NRWFMF to the extent that a large aircraft could be crashed into the site and not cause contamination beyond the 40 hectare site.</p>

3. Observer Protocol Update

Members received the revised BCC Observer Protocols out-of-session, for their review and suggested amendments. Committee members approved the revisions applied to the BCC Observer Protocol. Members will contact the convener to nominate observers ahead of meetings for the convener's express acceptance.

4. Community Benefit Program

Ms Chard addressed the committee about the new Community Benefit Program (CBP) announced by Minister Canavan on 8 October 2019. The new CBP will provide \$2 million of funding for community projects to each community involved in the siting process and will be provided irrespective of which community is selected to host the NRWFMF.

Ms Chard talked members through a discussion paper (Attachment A), which consolidated feedback from the community over the last year about potential community projects

Ms Chard introduced Adam Comley, AusIndustry State Manager, South Australia (SA) to assist with discussion about the guidelines for the new program. As it is a new program, the department is willing to consider potential projects that may not have met the eligibility criteria to secure funding under previous guidelines.

Members discussed the types of projects the new \$2m CBP could fund. Committee suggestions included;

- Projects for services, such as training programs, should be funded rather than just physical infrastructure projects.
- Funding to support pastoralists to fund assets such as rainwater tanks and solar systems, provided it is applied for through a cooperative or a program, rather than funding for individuals.

Discussions centred around suggestions that grant applications for community groups are simpler to process and fund, as opposed to proposals that would predominantly benefit individuals. The department recommended that community members in this category including pastoralists and traineeship applicants should organise themselves in a cooperative and progress a collective proposal for a program of work. The department recommended that each cooperative have an independent administrator such as the Council, who will be accountable for progressing a collective proposal and distributing project funding to individuals, up to an agreed threshold. The agreed threshold could be included in the new CBP guidelines, if the community supported the approach.

EWG members suggested the development of an economic planning document for the new \$2 million CBP grants.

Question

What is the process for selecting which proposals are funded and delivery management of projects?

- Mr Comley confirmed that his team of trained grant assessment officers at AusIndustry will;
 - run the selection process,
 - ensure that all applications are in accordance with the new CBP guidelines,
 - undertake an initial assessment of proposed projects,
 - consider the consultative and /or economic working groups' assessment and prioritisation of the projects,
 - administer funding, and
 - ensure all project reporting is completed.
- Mr Comley will be the Program Delegate for this new CBP and projects will be selected through a combined score from AusIndustry and the Consultative Committee.
- AusIndustry will assess projects according to three merit criteria:
 1. Ability to deliver
 2. Ability to deliver community benefit
 3. Cost benefit analysis.

Members discussed possible amendments to the proposed new CBP guidelines and considered the following issues;

- The minimum number of projects to be funded is 2.
- Each grant should range from \$5,000 to \$1m investment allocation.
- Support for extending the location eligibility for grants to include the communities north of Hawker, including Parachilna and Blinman.

The committee recommended that the geographical eligibility area for new CBP funding be increased and agreed to discuss the extent of this increase further at the Community Benefit Program (CBP) Guidelines Workshop on 11 December 2019.

See Action_BCC20191016/A03: The department to involve the WEWG in future discussions around the new Community Benefit Program (CBP).

See Action_BCC20191016/A03: The department to consider the BCC's recommendation to expand the geographical eligibility area for new Community Benefit Program, to encompass Parachilna to the north, Lake Torrens to the west, Blinman to the east and the FRC/OCA area.

See Action_BCC20191016/A03: The Secretariat to organise a workshop to discuss the new Community Benefit Program (CBP) Guidelines on 11 December 2019, and to invite both the BCC and WEWG.

5. Regional Consultative Committee Update

Ms Chard updated the committee on the Regional Consultative Committee (RCC). The [National Radioactive Waste Management Act \(2012\)](#) requires that immediately after a declaration under subsection 14(2) takes effect, the Minister must establish the Regional Consultative Committee. The department will consult with the relevant consultative committee to determine membership and governance arrangements of the RCC.

The function of the RCC will be to facilitate communication between the Commonwealth, the operator of the facility at the selected site and persons living in or near the region where the selected site is situated as well as helping the community to leverage benefits available as part of the Community Development Package. It is expected that the RCC's functions will include an advisory role related to the operation of the Community Fund, including consultation on the allocation of related investments within the community.

The Minister will appoint members in the same way that consultative committee members were previously appointed. Members will have an opportunity to determine more specific operating terms.

The department will publish the finalised RCC Factsheet on the NRW website. Members were asked to contact the department by Friday 25 November 2019, if they wanted any specific information included.

Members were encouraged to share the RCC information with the broader community, along with the questions the department has posed for community consideration.

Questions the department posed to committee members:

- What would be an appropriate definition of 'regional' for the purpose of the RCC?
- What kind of involvement should the RCC have in the community-controlled entity responsible for the \$20m fund?
- What should the RCC functions and strategic priorities be?
- If you think the RCC should have a decision-making delegation in regards to the NRW, what kinds of decisions should they be allowed to make?
- What skills or capabilities should RCC members have?
- How often should the RCC meet?
- How should the RCC report to government?

Question

What kind of decision-making power would the RCC have, in regards to the NRW?

- Many aspects of the facility will be governed by technical or regulatory requirements. However, there may be aspects of the facility that the RCC could have input into, such as the design of the Visitors' Centre.

See Action_BCC20191016/A04: The department to publish on its website, information regarding the Regional Consultative Committee (RCC), such as its envisaged role and responsibilities, its establishment methodology, the process for selecting RCC members, and governance procedures, once determined.

See Action_BCC20191016/A04: BCC members to share the RCC information with the broader community, and advise the department by COB 25 November 2019, if they would like any further information included on the RCC factsheet to be published on the NRW website.

See Action_BCC20191016/A04: BCC members to consider questions posed on the draft RCC guidelines for discussion at a future BCC meeting, when community feedback received will be included as an agenda item. (not the new CBP workshop).

See Action_BCC20191016/A04: The Secretariat to include the RCC PowerPoint slides as an attachment within the meeting minutes.

6. NRWMF Community Fund Governance

In July 2018, the Minister announced that the community selected to host the NRWMF will receive a \$31 million Community Development Package (CDP). This package includes a \$20 million lump-sum payment to be managed through a community-controlled entity.

The department is developing amendments to the NRW Act that will remove the 'state fund' and provide for the establishment of a community controlled entity that will receive the \$20 million. This amendment is expected to only specify the entity at a very high level, enabling the detail on the type of entity and specific governance arrangements to be determined in regulations subject to further community engagement. The department believed this approach would help meet community expectations by ensuring the community fund was enshrined in legislation as soon as possible, while still allowing sufficient consultation with the community on the nature of the fund.

The department made a presentation on potential options for the structure of the community controlled entity (attached), including a:

- Trust;
- Company limited by guarantee;
- Community entity to receive a one-off grant; or a
- Body established in consultation with the relevant Regional Development Australia (RDA) committee.

The department will consult with the community chosen to host the facility on the type of entity and associated governance arrangements for the Community Fund, following a site declaration and the establishment of the RCC.

Question

How long will the NRWMF Community Fund operate for?

- The department advised this question will be taken on notice to provide a definitive response. Ms Chard said that the NRWMF Community Fund should operate into perpetuity, until all allocated funding has been disbursed.

There were concerns that the BCC may not have the expertise to assess the ways in which funds should be managed. It was recommended that a professional fund manager or independent expert in the field be engaged to discuss effective fund management practices with the committee, when it comes time to discuss the CDP in more detail.

See Action_BCC20191016/A05: The department to confirm how long the NRWMF Community Fund will operate.

See Action_BCC20191016/A05: The department to organise an independent expert to discuss funding structures when more information about the CDP becomes available.

7. Ballot and Surveys

Ms Philippa provided an update on the Federal Court case between the Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation and the District Council of Kimba.

Ms Philippa advised the Kimba community ballot was open, and the Flinders Ranges Council (FRC) ballot for the Wallerberdina Station community will open on 11 November and close on 12 December 2019. The department encouraged all eligible participants to contact the Flinders Ranges Council to ensure they are on the supplementary roll.

Ms Philippa advised that both the Neighbour and Business Surveys will be completed by ORIMA on behalf of the department. The department has produced the (distributed) Neighbour Survey and Business Survey Guidelines, following feedback.

Neighbour survey feedback 15/10/19

- A 5km buffer will be drawn around each of the nominated areas for each site.
- The survey will include all owners, residents, and transient workers located on neighbouring properties.
- Owners of neighbouring properties will include: private owners; companies; trustees; and partnerships.
- Residents and transient workers will be those who have resided on a neighbouring property for 30 or more consecutive days, prior to nominating to participate.

Business survey feedback as at 15/10/19

- Clearer objective for the survey - 'seeking the views of businesses who contribute to the economy.'
- A section on definitions for how we define a business, the geographic areas and an authorised respondent who can speak on behalf of the business.
- Clearer eligibility outlining which business structures are eligible and including franchisees.
- A cut-off date for businesses having an active Australian Business Number (ABN) as at 1 October 2019.
- A process to crosscheck the Australian Business Register (ABR) with the lists provided by the Economic Working Group.
- A process for businesses operating in the community but registered elsewhere to opt-in to the survey.
- A general restructure of the guidelines to clearly outline the participation process for eligible businesses.

Question

Are the community members who enrolled to vote in the 2018 community ballot still enrolled for the 2019 ballot?

- The department advised that any members unsure of their registration status should contact the Flinders Ranges Council for surety.

There was a discussion about the eligibility for the neighbour survey as being 5km around the nominated area of Wallerberdina Station, rather than the whole station. The department advised that a 5km buffer around the nominated area was consistent with the ORIMA survey of 2016, and consistent with the approach in Kimba.

Following deliberations, the committee recommended that the department consider changing the eligibility for the neighbour survey to include neighbours within 5km surrounding the entirety of Wallerberdina Station.

A committee member noted that guidelines in the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999 (SA) state that eligible participants need to have been living in council bounds for 30 days, not 31 days, as stated in the department's guidelines for the neighbour survey.

Ms Philippa advised that the department would consider feedback received from both BCC and KCC and will look to implement these surveys in the next two to three weeks.

See Action_BCC20191016/A06: The department to provide a map of pastoral stations surrounding Wallerberdina Station for members' information.

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8. CSIRO's Radioactive Waste Holdings

Jenny Baxter gave an update on the CSIRO's radioactive waste holdings in Woomera. The presentation covered:

- What is radioactive waste?
- Where did the waste at Woomera come from?
- Previous radioactivity testing of the Woomera waste?
- The active roles that CSIRO has been undertaking to manage the waste:
 - Containing;
 - Monitoring; and
 - Inspecting
- Next steps and involvement of the NRWMF

Questions

What is the total cost of remediating the Fishermen's Bend site?

- Ms Baxter advised that the CSIRO has a \$30 million provision to look after the radioactive waste, of which \$2 million has been expended so far.

What radioactive waste from the Department of Defence was stored at Woomera?

- The majority of waste held on Defence sites is either legacy material from the former Australian Radiation Laboratory and Commonwealth X-ray and Radium Laboratory, or material remediated from Commonwealth land, as a result of Australian Government direction. The remaining waste has arisen from the disposal of unserviceable or obsolete Defence equipment.
- The department advised that waste from the Department of Defence has been accounted for in the Australian Waste Management Framework. An excerpt is provided before for Department of Defence Waste in cubic metres.

Low Level Waste		Intermediate Level Waste	
Legacy	Future	Legacy	Future
224	83	60	9

9. Site Security Measures – Post Acquisition

Ms Chard advised the Taskforce has been investigating the appropriate level of security for each of the nominated sites. Lachlan Pearce from Forcefield has been sourcing indicative costings from local suppliers in the first instance for the procurement of fence lines, signposts, Commonwealth signage, remediation works and security patrol services.

The department is still in discussion with landowners and land managers to maximise use of land as long as possible after any acquisition.

Key recommendations include:

- Agricultural fences or individual sign posts should be erected along the site perimeter, with signs indicating Commonwealth Property;
- Drone operations not be conducted on site during the post site acquisition phase;
- An option to develop an internal site security road onsite to aid in the assurance of perimeter security;
- A private security service provider not be procured to provide security patrol services on the site. Instead, recommendation that these individuals be sourced and engaged from the local community; and
- A suitable Site Manager position be created to manage the site during the post site acquisition phase, as well as subsequent phases.

Ideas or concerns around security issues can be sent to the department at radioactivewaste@industry.gov.au or directly to Lachlan Pearce at Lachlan.Pearce@industry.gov.au.

Following site acquisition, the department will consult with the RCC and will confirm with the community regarding the post acquisition site security measures.

10. Committee Renewals

Ms Chard advised the committee members about its intention to renew the contracts for the BCC and Economic Working Group into the next year. It was advised that there were no intentions to change the composition of the BCC, except to include Mr Bill McIntosh as an additional member, due to his appointment as Chairperson of the OCA.

Members will be sent an email asking to confirm their intention to renew their contract to 31 December 2020.

Members were reminded of the discussion held earlier that advised how the activating of the RCC will impact the current Consultative Committees and Economic Working Groups.

Question

What would happen if a member chose not to renew?

- The department advised that a smaller committee for a short period of time could be accommodated, depending on how many members chose not to renew.

<p>See Action_BCC20191016/A07: The department to email all Consultative Committee and Economic Working Group members to seek their interest to renew their committee contracts.</p>
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11. Questions

Have the Wallerberdina Station owners sought permission from the pastoral board to use the land for the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility?

- The member advised that the nominated land is under crown lease and unaffected by the Pastoral Board.

Has the satchel of submissions provided to Mr Rowan Ramsey's electorate office been delivered to Minister Canavan?

- The department advised that the satchel has been delivered to Minister Canavan. All submissions have subsequently been received by the department to be included in the submissions process.

Why is the community being asked to vote on something illegal when South Australian legislation prevents the storage of radioactive waste in the state?

- The department advised that the vote was not illegal, and that the *National Radioactive Waste Management Act 2012* contained an override provision to allow for the storage of radioactive waste, where state legislation may prevent it.

Why is everyone in Australia not voting in the ballot?

- The department advised that Minister Canavan has undertaken to site the facility in an area with broad community support, of which the ballot is one factor. As part of gathering sentiment, the department is running a submissions process, which is open to anyone, nationally or internationally.

What is the land compensation process and how much money has the department set aside to acquire the land?

- The department advised that the *National Radioactive Waste Management Act 2012* required "reasonable compensation" for the acquisition of land for the facility. The department is currently in negotiations with all land nominators to determine a compensation amount, and that any agreement would have to align with the reasonableness provisions in the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act).
- The department's nomination guidelines indicated that reasonable compensation may be 4 times the land value.
- The department can not reveal the amount of funds 'set aside' for compensation – to do so, would undermine our ability to negotiate a best value for money outcome.

Can the department advise whether all three nominated sites are suitable to hold the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility?

- The department advised that all sites are suitable on available information.

Will the Minister announce the results of the Kimba community ballot, when it is determined?

- The department advised that the local councils running each ballot would announce the results.

Is the department aware of the South Australian Labor Party's opposition to the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility?

- The department advised that it was not aware of recent commentary but noted that the Federal override provision continues to apply.

See Action_BCC20191016/A08: The department to provide a written response to Dr Susan Andersson regarding her question on land holder compensation.

Closing Comments

Ms Chard introduced Tony Hobbs to the committee. Tony will be working with both communities to identify other avenues of state and commonwealth funding that they may be able to access for community projects, which will promote social and economic outcomes. Tony is based out of Adelaide and will work closely with AusIndustry's Adam Comley and Abbie Arbon as well as Jane Bailey from the Taskforce.

The department will convene a workshop on 11 December 2019 to discuss the new Community Benefit Program (CBP) Guidelines. Both the BCC and WEWG will be invited to participate.

Members were asked to come to the workshop with ideas for projects that they would like to see funded.

The Convener reminded members to take the opportunity to review the distributed minutes during the requested feedback timeframe and to contact himself and the department out of session with all suggestion amendments.

See Action_BCC20191016/A03: Members to consider the types of projects that could be funded by the \$2 million new Community Benefit Program (CBP) and be prepared to offer their ideas at the workshop on 11 December 2019.

See Action_BCC20191016/A09: Members to review the distributed meeting minutes out of session and contact the Convener and department regarding any suggested amendments.

Meeting closed 4.17pm

Attachment A: Community Benefit Program

Discussion Paper on ideas to enhance economic viability and resident well-being through the recently announced new \$2m Community Benefit Program

Purpose:

The Program Guidelines for the new CBP round will establish the technical matters of eligible applicants, projects and proposals and assessment criteria.

This paper seeks to provide information on the types of projects and investments that might be appropriate to respond to the issues and concerns raised by the community during our engagement over the last 3 years.

Background:

The Hawker-Quorn communities have been the recipients of \$4m in Community Benefit Programme funding since 2017.

Two rounds of CBP funding has delivered:

- \$647,723 for economic development
- \$696,424 to support health and ageing
- \$602,370 to upgrade community facilities
- \$34,786 for tourism
- \$651,797 for Indigenous community projects
- \$709,116 for improvements to sporting facilities
- \$500,000 to upgrade mobile communications

These projects have given the region a great platform to achieve the economic security and the lifestyle that residents are seeking for the community.

Potential Community Benefit Program Projects:

A wide range of initiatives have been identified by individuals within the community, and through consultative committees, to support economic viability and resident well-being for the future.

In addition, we acknowledge that there is already a well-developed planning and economic framework in place, managed by the Flinders Ranges Council and Outback Communities Authority.

Through our engagement with the community, the department has identified four focus areas, and a range of potential initiatives that could be supported by the new Community Benefit Program:

1. Strengthen mental health support

- We have heard that what would help the community would be access to a visiting psychologist for the next 2 to 3 years. Ideally, as a service provided through the medical facilities and available and accepted for use by all residents
- A program managed by a health authority to provide financial support to reimburse residents for out of pocket expenses if they need to travel to access mental health services. Similar support is provided to cancer patients through cancer support organisations.
- Assessing the options for a residential mental health or diversionary treatment centre for young people in the region
- Funding for smaller projects that support particular groups in the communities, i.e. new mothers, students and young people

2. Drive economic development

- The Flinders Ranges Economic Development and Investment Strategy (the Strategy), which was revised in 2019, sets out the longer term strategic plan for economic development across the region.
- Having a well-articulated and evidence-based economic plan is often a necessary prerequisite to be eligible for and competitive in applying for funding through federal and state grant programs. This strategy is a strong foundation for competing for such grants.
- The identification of tourism and agriculture as key competitive advantages of the region supports ideas for expanding Eco-tourism, Nature-based tourism and Indigenous tourism that many community members have raised.
- The Strategy sets out a number of actions to strengthen the Flinders Ranges Council region including:
 - Support the rollout of the National Broadband Network (NBN) in The Flinders Ranges Council region
 - Continue to actively pursue the extension of mobile and satellite phone coverage throughout The Flinders Ranges Council area
 - Work with SA Power Networks on a solution to stabilise power supply in the Flinders Ranges.
 - Work with SA Water to construct a desalination plant to service the town of Quorn or alternative solutions for treated water.
 - Facilitate discussions between area schools in The Flinders Ranges Council region and local business operators on opportunities to strengthen the alignment between vocational education and training and the region's economic growth and investment opportunities, particularly tourism.
 - Continue to support the capacity development of regional business operators through access to business advisory services. Explore opportunities to resource a regular program of business development workshops throughout The Flinders Ranges Council region and Far North Region.
- The Outback Community Authority's Region Economic Growth and Investment Strategy and Strategic Directions 2018-2020 set out a range of priorities including:
 - A minimum of 4 G mobile phone and strategic wifi coverage
 - Sealing the Strzelecki track
 - Provide potable water to all communities across the northern Flinders including Blinman, Beltana, Parachilna and Nepabunna
 - Upgrade and seal key roads
 - Provide 'end-of-line' power guarantee to norther Flinders and Gammon Ranges

Some of these priorities maybe eligible for consideration.

3. Expand education and training

- Many residents have discussed the need for a coordinated approach to training that is linked to real job opportunities. This will be particularly important if this is the site selected for the facility. Investing in the workforce of the future will influence the long-term viability of the region.
- Developing a targeted workforce strategy, based on the existing strategies, would provide a clear view of what skills and capabilities will be needed over the next 10 years in each community to support future population and business needs. If this is the selected site, this will include the facility related roles but should also include all the jobs needed for the future. For example personal care workers to support an ageing population, child care workers, mechanics, plumbers, medical and allied health workers.
- Building a skills and career pathways plan is one way to guide investments in training and development over the next decade. This allows the community to make structured investments including in training packages that offer support for residents through scholarships, apprenticeships, traineeships and job readiness services. Partnering with tertiary and regional training organisations would be one approach to consider.
- Investment in technology to support online and community based training could also be beneficial.

4. Support Indigenous business opportunities

- Discussions with Indigenous residents have highlighted the desire for tailored training and skills development opportunities for young people including members of the Indigenous community of the region.
- Providing the opportunity for participants to achieve certification through accredited training and tertiary courses is considered fundamental for the success of such a program
- Support to develop a business case and/or feasibility study as a basis for investment in land or property for an Indigenous enterprise has also been discussed
- Identifying ways to build networks to support Indigenous business owners and encourage Indigenous employment would also strengthen the indigenous business environment.

It is recommended that the ideas and planning priorities discussed above should be considered when providing input and feedback on the Guidelines for the new 2019 Community Benefit Program