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National Radioactive Waste Management Program

Kimba Consultative Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday 17 October 2019

KIMBA CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (KCC)

Date: Thursday 17 October 2019

Time: 10.30 – 2.30 pm

Venue: 49 High Street, Kimba SA

Time	Item	Lead
10.20 – 10.30	Morning tea available	
10.30 – 10.35	1. Acknowledgement of Country	Allan Suter, Independent Convener
10.35 – 10.50	2. Housekeeping a) Apologies b) Minutes from previous meeting c) Actions from previous meeting	Allan Suter, Independent Convener
10.50 – 10.55	3. Observer Protocol Update	Sam Chard, DIIS
10.55 – 11.25	4. Community Benefit Program	Sam Chard, DIIS Adam Comley, DIIS
11.25 – 11.45	5. Regional Consultative Committee update	Sam Chard, DIIS
11.45 – 12.00	6. NRWFMF Community Fund Governance	Sam Chard, DIIS
12.00 – 12.30	Lunch	
12.30 – 12.55	7. Ballot and Surveys	Sam Chard, DIIS
12.55 – 13.25	8. CSIRO's Radioactive Waste Holdings	Jenny Baxter, CSIRO
13.25 – 13.35	9. Site Security Measures – Post Acquisition	Sam Chard, DIIS
13.35 – 13.45	10. Committee Renewals	Sam Chard, DIIS
13.45 – 14.15	11. Questions	Sam Chard, DIIS
14.15 – 14.30	Meeting Close / Tea and coffee available	

Member Attendees:

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

Kimba Economic Working Group (KEWG) Attendees:

David Schmidt (Chair)	Christine Lehmann	Debra Larwood
Charlie Milton	Laura Fitzgerald	

Apologies:

Nil		
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Observers:

Robyn Stewart	Bev Baldock	
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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
Catherine Russell	NRWMF Taskforce – Assistant Manager, 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
Adam Comley	AusIndustry – State Manager SA/NT, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
Tony Hobbs	AusIndustry – Program Support Officer, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
Maree Barford	NRWMF Taskforce – Kimba Community Liaison Officer, 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

ACTION REGISTER

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KCC20191017/A01	<u>Actions related to Community Benefit Package:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AusIndustry - State Manager SA/NT to consider how the grants process, including the application form and reporting could be streamlined to facilitate access and efficiency to manage new Community Benefit Program initiatives. 	In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AusIndustry - State Manager SA/NT to add a new field to the Grant Application Form requesting evidence of community consultation and support, with the ability to append attachment/s. 	In progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat to organise a workshop to discuss the new Community Benefit Program (CBP) Guidelines on 12 December 2019, and to send a placeholder invitation to both the KCC and KEWG. 	In progress
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KCC20191017/A03	<u>Actions related to NRW Community Fund:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat to include the PowerPoint slide related to the governance options for the NRW Community Fund, as an attachment within the meeting minutes. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat to invite a representative from the Regional Development Australia (RDA) representative or another expert, to a future meeting to advise the committee about accounting matters related to the NRW Community fund. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat to add an agenda item for a future meeting to discuss accounting matters related to the NRW Community Fund. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The department to source more information about the cost for an appointed trustee and advise the committee, out of session. 	
KCC20191017/A04	<u>Actions related to Kimba Business Survey:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The department to provide assistance to the Kimba Economic Working Group to draft a revised set of guidelines for the Kimba Business Survey. 	Complete
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KEWG members to meet out of session to draft a revised set of guidelines for the Kimba Business Survey, for presentation to the KCC Independent Convener by 25 October 2019. 	Complete
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KCC members to review the KEWG's recommended Business Survey guidelines and raise any feedback and/or suggested amendments to the KCC Independent Convener, out of session. 	Complete
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The KCC Independent Convener to collate and assess all KCC members' responses to the KEWG recommended Business Survey guidelines. 	Complete
KCC20191017/A05	The department to email all Consultative Committee and Economic Working Group members to seek their interest to renew their committee contracts.	Complete
KCC20190815/A08	The department to provide an update on <i>legacy initiatives for the non-host community</i> at the next meeting.	In progress
KCC20190815/A09	The department to publish information regarding the Community Skills and Development Program (CSDP) on its website.	In progress

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Meeting opened at 10.30am

1. Acknowledgement of Country

Allan Suter provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. Housekeeping

a) Apologies

No apologies were received.

b) Minutes from previous meeting

15 August 2019 minutes were distributed out of session. No comments or corrections were raised and the committee ratified the meeting minutes as presented.

c) Actions from previous meeting

All Questions on Notice were completed. 3 action items remained outstanding from the 15 August 2019 meeting.

Action_KCC20190815/A08: The department to provide an update on legacy initiatives for the non-host community at the next meeting.

Status: Completed since last update. The department reviewed the previous Community Benefit Programme (CBP) initiatives. All initiatives proposed for Kimba were fully funded in the one round of the previous CBP.

The department developed an analysis paper for CBP initiatives harvested from community engagement and other initiatives gathered by the department.

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.

Action_KCC20190815/A09: The department to publish information regarding the Community Skills and Development Program (CSDP) on its website.

Status: Work to finalise this action item is progressing. The department will publish on its website information about the Community Skills and Development Program (CSDP) once the guidelines for the CSDP have been finalised. As the program will be specific to the host community, they will be finalised following a site selection.

Action_KCC20190815/A10: 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.

Status: Work to finalise a RCC factsheet is progressing. A draft information sheet was distributed to committee members to discuss at the meeting and will be published on its website. The Regional Consultative Committee (RCC) will be established in regulations following the Minister's intention to declare a site, but before the declaration, to enable the RCC to be established immediately after declaration of a site.

3. Observer Protocol Update

Members received the revised KCC Observer Protocols out-of-session for their review and suggested amendments. Committee members approved the revisions applied to the KCC Observer Protocol. Members will contact the Convener to nominate observers ahead of meetings for the convener's express acceptance. KCC members were reminded that a maximum of 10 observers will be allowed, as per the meeting venue's capacity.

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 NRWMF.

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.

The department will consider recommendations for variations to the new CBP guidelines, including whether there are conditions that create barriers to potential projects, and the time frames to make and consider applications. The department noted that to accommodate community feedback about the need for more time to make and review grant applications, government authority may be required to move the funding to the next financial year.

The department noted that grant applications from groups and organisations are more likely to be supported than those that predominantly benefit individuals. For example, a program that delivered training would more likely be supported than a series of grants for specific individuals to access training. The department recommended that administrators could be established by the community, such as the Council or the Kimba Futures Group for example, who will be accountable for progressing a collective proposal and distributing project funding to individuals.

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 stated he 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.

Committee Questions

Can the grant application and documentation process be further streamlined?

- Mr Comley advised that he would consider what processes can be further streamlined and what support could be offered to help members to manage the application and reporting process.
- He explained that the department is bound by the *Public Governance and Performance Act 2013* (PGPA Act) and Department of Finance regulations. Therefore, progress and final reporting are required to ensure accountability when managing large funding commitments.

See Action_KCC20191017/A01: The AusIndustry - State Manager SA/NT to consider how the grants process, including the application form and reporting could be streamlined to facilitate access and efficiency to manage Community Benefit Program initiatives.

What support will be provided to help community members make grant applications and to subsequently report project progress?

- Ms Chard advised that the department will be seeking to engage a Community Development Officer, but this funding is contingent on Government approval of future funding.
- Mr Comley also advised that Abbie Arbon and Tony Hobbs will be made available to the communities to assist them to progress grant applications for the new Community Benefit Program.

The committee considered whether it would be useful to hold a CBP guidelines workshop. Committee members were asked to gather feedback from the community on the previous CBP guidelines, and potential projects, to ensure community needs were met bring this feedback to the workshop. The department advised that the community could review the current guidelines available at business.gov.au.

How the committee could be more cognisant of the broader community's support for individual projects before they collaborate to evaluate proposals ahead of preparing recommendations to the department?

- Members suggested that Council could advise the community about proposals ahead of time, so community members will have the opportunity to offer their feedback.
- The department suggested that it could collate letters of support for proposals. Letters could be provided to committee members ahead of meetings, to help them to make more informed recommendations to the department regarding which projects should be funded.
- If committee members need more time to evaluate the merit and community support of a proposal, the Convener suggested a follow-on meeting or consideration out-of-session could be arranged.

See Action_KCC20191017/A01: The AusIndustry - State Manager SA/NT to add new field to the Grant Application Form requesting evidence of community consultation and support, with the ability to append attachment/s.

Could the guidelines be changed to enable non-eligible entities, such as the school, to secure CBP grants?

- Mr Comley advised that entities affiliated with a State Government, such as schools or health facilities, will face restrictions accessing CBP funding directly.
- The department suggested that one approach could be for that eligible entities, such as the Council or the Kimba Community Development Group could apply for funding for projects involving non-eligible entities, where the non-eligible entity agrees to be part of the project. Then if the proposal is funded, the department can commit the CBP funds to the eligible entity, for them to administer the required funds in partnership with the non-eligible entities.

What will be the timing for the finalisation of the CBP guidelines?

- Ms Chard advised that KCC and KEWG members agreed to consider the current CBP guidelines further and to re-convene for a Workshop on 11 December 2019, to specifically finalise the new CBP guidelines.
- Ms Chard suggested the KCC and KEWG members attend a new CBP guidelines workshop on 12 December 2019.

See Action_KCC20191017/A01: The Secretariat to organise a workshop to discuss the new Community Benefit Program (CBP) Guidelines on 12 December 2019, and to send a placeholder invitation to both the KCC and KEWG.

Could timelines for projects be extended?

- The department advised that it may be possible to extend funding profile for CBP project completion from a one-year term to a two-year timeframe, subject to government agreement.
- If approved, the two-year funding profile could allow for 20 months for project delivery, 2 months to allow for project slippage and 2 months to allow for end project reporting. The department also envisages that a portion of funding will be quarantined and only released once the final report has been accepted by the department.

Ms Chard noted that if the timeframe to settle guidelines different across the two communities, it may be necessary to have separate CBP guidelines.

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 NRWMF 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 NRWMF, 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?

See Action_KCC20191017/A02: KCC 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 NRWM website.

See Action_KCC20191017/A02: KCC members to consider questions posed on the draft RCC guidelines for discussion at a future KCC meeting, when community feedback received will be included as an agenda item.

Committee Questions

What is the term of office for RCC members?

- Ms Chard agreed to take this question on notice for response to the committee out-of-session.

See Action_KCC20191017/A02: The department to advise the committee out-of-session how long the term of the Regional Consultative Committee (RCC) will be.

Will there be Indigenous representation on the RCC?

- Ms Chard advised that it would aim to have indigenous representation on the RCC.

Will the RCC be a committee or a board?

- Ms Chard advised that the RCC would be a committee, with the Minister responsible for appointing members. The RCC will be separate to the entity that will be selected to manage the \$20 million Community Development Program funding.
- Ms Chard asked the KCC to think about the different skills they may want on the RCC, such as specific financial or technical acumen.

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 NRWM 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.

Committee Questions:

What is the timeline for legislative change?

- Ms Chard advised that it was hoping for legislation to be introduced and by mid-2020, but noted that the timing of legislation was subject to broader government legislative timetables and whether the legislation was referred to committee for scrutiny.

See Action_KCC20191017/A03: The Secretariat to include the PowerPoint slide related to the governance options for the NRWMF Community Fund, as an attachment within the meeting minutes.

See Action_KCC20191017/A03: The Secretariat to invite a representative from the Regional Development Australia (RDA) representative or another expert, to a future meeting to advise the committee about accounting matters related to the NRWMF Community fund.

See Action_KCC20191017/A03: The Secretariat to add an agenda item for a future meeting to discuss accounting matters related to the NRWMF Community Fund.

Questions

How did the department calculate that it will cost \$50,000 per annum to fund an appointed trustee?

- Ms Chard took the question on notice.

See Action_KCC20191017/A03: The department to source more information about the cost for an appointed trustee and advise the committee, out of session.

7. Ballot and Surveys

Ms Chard noted that the department has offered financial assistance to Indigenous Corporations to undertake their own ballots.

Ms Philippa advised the committee that the Kimba community ballot was open, and that the ballot for the Wallerberdina Station community will open on 11 November and close on 12 December 2019. Ms Philippa advised the FRC are undertaking a due diligence risk assessment before they commence their community ballot. The FRC supplementary roll closes on 18 October 2019.

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

Neighbour survey feedback as at 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.

The committee accepted the Neighbour Survey guidelines as written.

Members had a robust discussion regarding the Business Survey guidelines for the Kimba community.

Three options were put forward on the business guidelines. Members were asked to stand and vote on these options:

1. Support guidelines as presented by the department, 1 stood.
2. Not to support any business guidelines and survey, 6 stood.
3. To support the KEWG to revise guidelines by 25th Oct, 8 stood.

Members agreed to give the Kimba Economic Working Group until Friday 25 October 2019 to create a revised set of guidelines, taking into consideration all the feedback from the KCC meeting, and which would be more appropriate for the Kimba community. The KCC will review the KEWG's recommended Business Survey guidelines and raise any feedback and/or suggested amendments to the KCC Independent Convener.

The KCC Independent Convener will collate assess all responses out of session and advise the department if consensus has been reached for a new recommended Business Survey guidelines. If no consensus is reached for the KEWG recommended guidelines, the Convener may recommend to the department that the business survey is not undertaken in Kimba.

See Action_KCC20191017/A04: The department to provide assistance to the Kimba Economic Working Group to draft a revised set of guidelines for the Kimba Business Survey.

See Action_KCC20191017/A04: KEWG members to meet out of session to draft a revised set of guidelines for the Kimba Business Survey, for presentation to the KCC Independent Convener by 25 October 2019.

See Action_KCC20191017/A04: KCC members to review the KEWG's recommended Business Survey guidelines and raise any feedback and/or suggested amendments to the KCC Independent Convener, out of session.

See Action_KCC20191017/A04: The KCC Independent Convener to collate and assess all KCC members' responses to the KEWG recommended Business Survey guidelines.

Committee Questions

What happens with entities who have multiple designations, community member, neighbour and business entity?

- Ms Chard confirmed these individuals will have multiple opportunities to advise their sentiment towards the facility, each from their different entity perspective.
- Ms Chard further advised the department will segment sentiment according to the different types of entities, so the Minister can be fully informed.

Who owns the National Parks located near the nominated sites?

- The department advised that these are owned by the State Government.
- As per the Neighbour Survey guidelines, the State Government will not be eligible to partake in the Neighbour Survey.

Why did the department not use a 10km radius from the nominated site to gauge neighbour sentiment?

- Ms Chard advised the 5km radius was assessed to be appropriate balance to capture immediate and near neighbours and the same radius was used in the previous neighbours survey.
- Ms Chard also noted there are multiple sentiment gathering opportunities to capture the viewpoints from entities in the broader community, including the submissions process that is open to everyone.

What is the radius being used for the Neighbour Survey around Wallerberdina Station?

- The department advised that a 5km radius is being used at Wallerberdina Station, and the BCC asked for consideration to include the entirety of Wallerberdina Station for the neighbour survey, not just the nominated site.

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

Committee Question

Where does the Defence waste come from?

- Ms Chard took this question on notice at the meeting and provided the following response, post meeting.
- 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 in the table below showing 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.

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.

Questions

What security measures will be put in place when construction starts?

- Ms Chard advised security provisions would be in place when construction starts, and noted that there would be a number of years of regulatory approval processes which would occur before construction commenced.

10. Committee Renewals

Ms Chard advised the committee members that the contracts for the KCC and KEWG expire on 31 December 2019 and of the departments intention to renew the contracts into the new year. It was advised that there were no intentions to change the composition of the KCC nor KEWG.

Members will be sent an email asking them 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.

Action_KCC20191017/A05: The department to email all Consultative Committee and Economic Working Group members to seek their interest to renew their committee contracts.

11. Questions

Will the ballot results be withheld once the community ballot results have been determined?

- Dean Johnson advised that the council is conducting the ballot and has no intention to withhold the results.

Will the Minister publish an acceptable percentage of support before the close of the ballot?

- Ms Chard advised that the Minister will not specify a number or predetermined weightings on any input to sentiment.

What can be done about publicising the CBP funding outside of council bounds, as those living outside of the council area often have difficulty accessing information?

- Ms Chard advised that the Kimba CBP mirrors the ballot area and that the department can send out more information on the facility to surrounding areas, if required.
- Members were encouraged to advise the department if this should be done.

What is the volume comparison of low level waste compared to intermediate level waste?

- Ms Chard advised that into the future, there will be more low level waste than intermediate level waste.
- Current figures indicate about 7000 cubic metres of low level waste compared to 3200 cubic metres of intermediate level waste.

Response: The table below is taken from the [Australian Radioactive Waste Management Framework](#) published April 2018 and provides an estimate of expected waste arising from current or future activities through until 1 Jan 2070, noting it does not take into account recent updates on CSIRO inventory.

	Low Level Waste		Intermediate Level Waste	
	Legacy	Future ^b	Legacy	Future ^b
Commonwealth				
ANSTO	2,771	4,685	1,211	1,849
ARPANSA	6	36	1	43
CSIRO	1,967	40	419	62
Defence	224	83	60	9
Subtotal C'wth	4,967	4,843	1,691	1,963
States and Territories	8	Not reported	66	Not reported
Industry, hospitals, universities ^c	Not reported	Not reported	13	Not reported
Total	4,975	4,843	1,771	1,963

a. Expected waste arising from current or future activities until 1 January 2070.

b. Data reported for these bodies only includes nuclear material held under permit from the Australian Safeguards and Non-proliferation Office (ASNO). There may be other radioactive waste held by these bodies which does not require an ASNO permit, and that is not currently reported in the inventory.

Will there be licencing changes if there is a change in the State Government?

- Ms Chard advised that due to the override provisions in the *National Radioactive Waste Management Act (2012)*, a change of state government would not impact on this process.

The committee agreed that depending on their out of session deliberations on the CBP guidelines, it could meet again on 12 December 2019 for the CBP guidelines workshop.

Meeting closed 2.11pm

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 Kimba community has been the recipient of \$2m in Community Benefit Programme funding since 2018.

CBP funding has delivered:

- \$252,745 for economic development and planning
- \$230,000 for hospital upgrade
- \$30,773 for mental health support
- \$92,177 for tourism planning
- \$722,092 to upgrade community facilities
- \$595,306 for improvements to sporting facilities
- \$34,600 for public Wi-Fi

These projects have given the region a great platform to achieve the economic security and the lifestyle that residents have spoken about.

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 District of Kimba Council.

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

1. Strengthen health support, including mental health

- Packages to assist in the attraction of GP Services and other medical allied health professionals.
- 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.
- Enhancing facilities to support health services including mental health and allied health services has been identified as a key project by the KDC
- Identifying options for increased social worker and school counselling support
- Funding for smaller projects that support particular groups in the community, for example new mothers, students and young people

- Developing ideas to support community resilience - projects to restore social cohesion such as art and therapy, meditation and yoga with a whole of community focus
- Linking into existing services such as the Mentally Fit program run by the Eyre Peninsula RDA

2. Drive economic development

- The District of Kimba Council's 2018-19 Annual Business Plan and the revised 2016-2020 Strategic Directions Plan set out the priorities for the continued growth of 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.
- A goal of Council is to expand the number and diversification of businesses and increase employment opportunities while improving the economic redundancy in less favourable seasons. Council is also seeking to stabilise and grow the population while retaining crucial community services.
- Diversifying the economy and supporting agriculture as a key competitive advantage of the region supports the ideas for economic growth and population stability that many people have spoken about.
- In addition, the community invested almost \$200,000 of the CBP funding in specific economic development projects.
- Further progressing these business ideas such as the Multi-User Grain Accumulation Centre, The Feasibility Planning for a New Game Meat Industry and the priorities identified through the Community and Economic Development Strategy for Kimba could be now considered now
- Investing in additional resources to drive economic development, expanding the local business initiatives such as the 'The Thing about Kimba -Shop Local' campaign and providing access to business management training for local businesses have also been identified as well supported ideas.

3. Expand education and training

- Many residents have discussed with us 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 for the region 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.

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.