



# Department of Industry, Innovation and Science Media and Sentiment Report



## Introduction

This report has been prepared for The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science to provide an overview of the media coverage and sentiment for Phase 2 of **Kimba and Wallerberdina Station**. It includes coverage on the search terms Wallerberdina / Barndioota / Hawker / Quorn / Kimba.

This report covers the first part of 2019 (January- now) to highlight the sentiment for the project more clearly.

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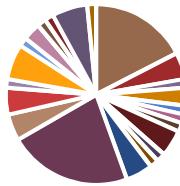
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Those line items highlighted in orange are articles where Wallerberdina / Hawker / Barndioota / Quorn are mentioned alongside Kimba.

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## Publications



- Eyre Peninsula Tribune
- Nambucca Guardian News
- Macarthur Advertiser
- Canowindra News
- Sydney Morning Herald
- Southern Cross GTS/BKN Broken Hill, Port Pirie
- ABC North and West SA, Port Pirie
- greencareer.net.au
- ABC Radio Adelaide
- Port Lincoln Times
- Bendigo Advertiser
- Adelaide Advertiser
- Barrier Daily Truth
- ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast
- ABC Online
- Whyalla News

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## Media Coverage Table – 2019 - Kimba and Wallerberdina

No.	Publication	Headline	Date Published	s47(1)(b)
1	Eyre Peninsula Tribune	Big start to the year for Kimba district	29 January 2019	
2	ABC Radio Adelaide, Adelaide, 15:00 News at 15:01	The Federal Court heard Kimba District Council CEO Deborah Larwood failed to consider including native title holders in a community vote on building a nuclear waste facility on the Eyre Peninsula.	30 January 2019	
3	Nambucca Guardian News	Traditional owners left out of dump vote	30 January 2019	
4	Port Lincoln Times	Traditional owners left out of dump vote	30 January 2019	
5	Macarthur Advertiser	Traditional owners left out of dump vote	30 January 2019	
6	ABC Radio Adelaide, Adelaide, 17:00 News at 17:02	The Federal Court heard Kimba District Council failed to consider including native title holders in a community vote on building a nuclear waste facility.	30 January 2019	
7	Bendigo Advertiser	Traditional owners left out of dump vote	30 January 2019	
8	Canowindra News	Traditional owners left out of dump vote	30 January 2019	
9	Adelaide Advertiser	Traditional owners bid for vote on nuke site	31 January 2019	
10	Sydney Morning Herald	Storage key to waste	31 January 2019	



11	Barrier Daily Truth	Dump vote ignores traditional owners	31 January 2019	s47(1)(b)
12	Southern Cross GTS/BKN Broken Hill, Port Pirie, Nightly News Spencer Gulf at 19:03	Locals in Kimba will wait to hear whether the vote for the nuclear waste facility is deemed unlawful after a Federal Court judge adjourned the case.	31 January 2019	
13	Eyre Peninsula Tribune	Barngarla case hits court	7 February 2019	
14	ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, 06:30 News at 06:31	FOI documents obtained by Centre Alliance Rex Patrick reveal the Federal Government knows of mental health concerns in Kimba, which is triggered by the site selection process for a nuclear waste facility.	13 February 2019	
15	ABC North and West SA, Port Pirie, Breakfast at 08:31	Documents obtained by Centre Alliance senator Rex Patrick has revealed that the Federal Government is aware of the mental health concerns at Kimba following the plan for a nuclear waste facility in the area.	13 February 2019	
16	ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, Breakfast at 08:32	Documents obtained by Centre Alliance senator Rex Patrick has revealed that the Federal Government is aware of the mental health concerns at	13 February 2019	



		Kimba following the plan for a nuclear waste facility in the area.		s47(1)(b)
17	ABC North and West SA, Port Pirie, Breakfast at 08:47	Program Preview  - Discussion on the nuclear waste debate in Kimba and Hawker.	13 February 2019	
18	ABC North and West SA, Port Pirie, Breakfast at 08:47	Pre-recorded interview with Centre Alliance Senator Rex Patrick. Patrick says Freedom of Information documents have made it very clear that the Government is aware of the fact that there may be some mental health issues	13 February 2019	
19	ABC Radio Adelaide, Adelaide, 13:00 News at 13:04	Freedom of Information documents obtained by Centre Alliance Senator Rex Patrick shows the Federal Government may have a preferred site at Kimba for a nuclear waste disposal facility.	13 February 2019	
20	ABC Online	Print Email Facebook Twitter More Nuclear waste site selection process triggers mental health concerns, business boycotts and division, FOI documents reveal	13 February 2019	
21	ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port	A Kimba farmer says the nuclear waste site selection	14 February 2019	



	Lincoln, 06:30 News at 06:32	process has affected the mental health of some residents.		s47(1)(b)
22	ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, 07:30 News at 07:32	According to Freedom of Information documents, the Federal Government scores Jeff Baldock's Napandee as a favourable site for a nuclear waste facility at Kimba in the Eyre Peninsula than at Lyndhurst.	14 February 2019	
23	ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, SA Country Hour at 12:21	Pre-recorded interview with Centre Alliance Senator Rex Patrick.	14 February 2019	
24	ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, SA Country Hour at 12:23	Pre-recorded interview with No Radioactive Waste on Agricultural Land in Kimba or SA chair Peter Woolford.	14 February 2019	
25	ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, SA Country Hour at 12:27	Pre-recorded interview with Napandee Station owner Jeff Baldock about the mental health issues due to the nuclear site selection process in Kimba and Hawker.	14 February 2019	
26	greencareer.net.au	Dump search impacts exposed	14 February 2019	
27	Whyalla News	Site search triggers concerns	15 February 2019	
28	Southern Cross GTS/BKN Broken Hill, Port Pirie, Nightly News Spencer Gulf at 18:42	New documents have revealed the Federal Government is aware the nuclear waste facility	19 February 2019	



		controversy is causing mental health problems in Kimba and Hawker.		s47(1)(b)
29	Eyre Peninsula Tribune	Facility should be scrapped	20 February 2019	
30	Eyre Peninsula Tribune	FACILITY SHOULD BE SCRAPPED	21 February 2019	
31	Whyalla News	Site search causes issues	21 February 2019	
32	Adelaide Now	Risk of terrorism at radioactive waste site kept secret from residents near earmarked sites	24 February 2019	
33	Adelaide Advertiser	Secrecy on dump terrorist danger	25 February 2019	
34	ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, 06:30 News at 06:30	Adnyamathanha elders say a proposed site for nuclear waste disposal facility is nearby sacred sites while the Bangala elders try and propose a community ballot and states that Kimba is racist because not all native title holders could vote.	25 February 2019	
35	ABC South East SA, Mt Gambier, 06:30 News at 06:31	Adnyamathanha elders state a proposed site for a nuclear wastes disposal facility is nearby sacred sites, while Barngarla elders say a proposed community ballot at Kimba is racist because not all native title holders could vote.	25 February 2019	
36	ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port	Freedom of information documents	25 February 2019	





	Lincoln, 07:30 News at 07:30	obtained by the Scottish media reveal Scotland can block nuclear waste being sent to Australia.		s47(1)(b)
37	ABC South East SA, Mt Gambier, 07:30 News at 07:32	Documents show Scottish authorities can block nuclear wastes being sent to Australia on social ethical grounds and must refuse if there are safety concerns.	25 February 2019	
38	Adelaide Advertiser	Nuclear dump	26 February 2019	
39	ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, 06:30 News at 06:30	A local Aboriginal anti-nuclear campaign has welcomed news Scotland's Government could block the transfer of nuclear wastes on Indigenous human rights grounds.	26 February 2019	
40	ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, 07:30 News at 07:30	A regional anti-nuclear campaign says any nuclear waste storage will threaten Aboriginal culture and rights.	26 February 2019	
41	Whyalla News	Senator flags terrorism risk	26 February 2019	
42	Southern Cross GTS/BKN Broken Hill, Port Pirie, Nightly News Spencer Gulf at 18:38	Government documents Senator Rex Patrick obtained through Freedom of Information reveal the proposed nuclear waste facility in Kimba and Hawker could be a	26 February 2019	



		target for terror activities.		s47(1)(b)
43	Koori Mail	A SOUTH Australian council did not consider native title SA holders when deciding who should vote on a proposed nuclear waste dump	27 February 2019	
44	Eyre Peninsula Tribune	EVERYONE GETS A SAY	28 February 2019	
45	West Coast Sentinel	Champion in running	28 February 2019	
46	Port Augusta Transcontinental	Nuclear waste info session held for community members	28 February 2019	
47	Port Augusta Transcontinental	Community gets informed	6 March 2019	
48	Eyre Peninsula Tribune	Mental health roadblock	7 March 2019	
49	ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, 06:30 News at 06:30	Anti-nuclear campaigners at both Kimba and Hawker have called on the Federal Government to consider a WA nuclear waste facility in Leonora, Goldfields.	11 March 2019	
50	ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, 06:30 News at 06:31	Kimba's local council is looking to firm up economic future regardless of whether the town will be home to a nuclear waste storage facility or not.	12 March 2019	
51	ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, 07:30 News at 07:31	The Kimba District Council has recruited Peter Kenyon from Bank of IDEAS to facilitate workshops for their community	12 March 2019	



		to devise a plan for its economic future with or without the proposed nuclear waste storage facility.		s47(1)(b)
52	ABC Online	Outback WA council keeps hand raised for nuclear waste facility, as legal action halts progress on SA sites	12 March 2019	
53	Eyre Peninsula Tribune	All getting their say	12 March 2019	
54	Eyre Peninsula Tribune	ALL GETTING THEIR SAY	14 March 2019	
55	ABC Online	Will Australia finally get a national nuclear waste facility?	28 March 2019	
56	Port Augusta Transcontinental	CAMPAIGN CONTINUES	10 April 2019	
57	Daily Telegraph Australia	Dedicated palliative care wing opens for Kimba residents	10 April 2019	
58	Eyre Peninsula Tribune	Election to stall nuclear decision	11 April 2019	
59	Eyre Peninsula Tribune	ANSTO hold open day to promote STEM	25 April 2019	
60	Port Augusta Transcontinental	Battle lines drawn in radioactive debate	8 May 2019	
61	Eyre Peninsula Tribune	Dump decisions	8 May 2019	
62	Whyalla News	NUCLEAR VOTE	9 May 2019	
63	Port Lincoln Times	DUMP DECISIONS AFFECT REGION	14 May 2019	



## 1. Eyre Peninsula Tribune

**Eyre Peninsula Tribune**

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JANUARY 28, 2019 - 11:45AM

### Big start to the year for Kimba district

SHARE TWEET

Council hit the ground running for the year at the weekend with one of its biggest annual civic events, the 2019 Australia Day Awards.

The awards ceremony and traditional community breakfast is a must-do for many in Kimba, so it was unsurprising to see hundreds of locals and visitors converge on Lions Apex Central Park to celebrate and acknowledge the award winners.

Listening to the achievements of winners was a reminder of the incredible role volunteers play in rural communities as they go above and beyond to increase the liveability of their district.

Many of Kimba's volunteer organisations work closely with the council for this very purpose, so I encourage everyone to consider doing a little bit extra to keep our town the envy of the Eyre Peninsula.

In October, the council was announced as one of 17 across the state eligible for \$1 million in funding through the government's Drought Communities Programme.

Council has submitted applications for two projects; a water catchment area for Rooro Dam and upgrades to the change rooms at our community swimming pool.

Both of these projects will provide a community benefit and contribute to local employment and economic stimulation.

Council has still been devoting considerable resources to the hunt for an answer to Kimba's ongoing GP crisis, and I wish I could use this column to announce a doctor had been recruited.

It is incredibly disappointing that a solution has yet to be found, and I again urge federal and state governments to look towards regional SA to see how badly communities are hurting through their inability to attract and retain health professionals urban dwellers take for granted.

After a three-month delay, council returned to the Federal Court of Australia yesterday for the full hearing of the litigation launched by Barnagala Determination Aboriginal Corporation regarding the proposed National Radioactive Waste Management Facility site selection ballot.

While no comment will be made while the matter is before the court, I can reaffirm council's commitment to keeping Kimba residents and ratepayers apprised of updates where appropriate.

I can add to this by stating that elected members are absolutely committed to ensuring that our community is afforded an opportunity to have its say, irrespective of how it is ultimately undertaken.



<https://www.eyretribune.com.au/story/5873304/big-start-to-the-year-for-kimba-district/>



2. ABC Radio Adelaide, Adelaide, 15:00 News at 15:01

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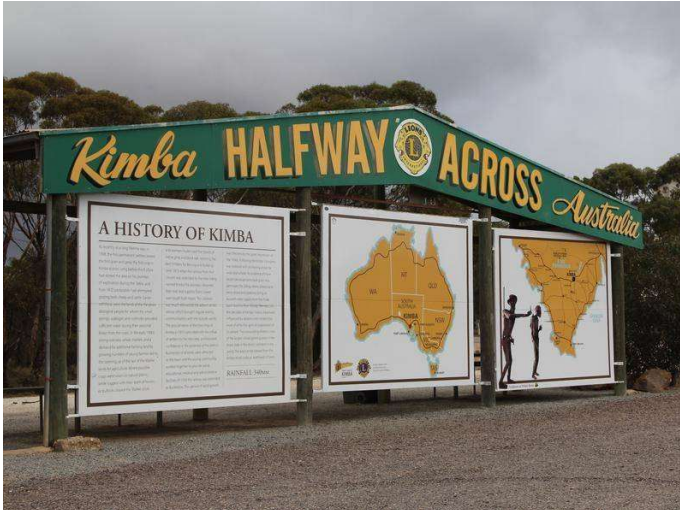


### 3. Nambucca Guardian News

JANUARY 30 2019 - 6:42PM

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***Australian Associated Press***

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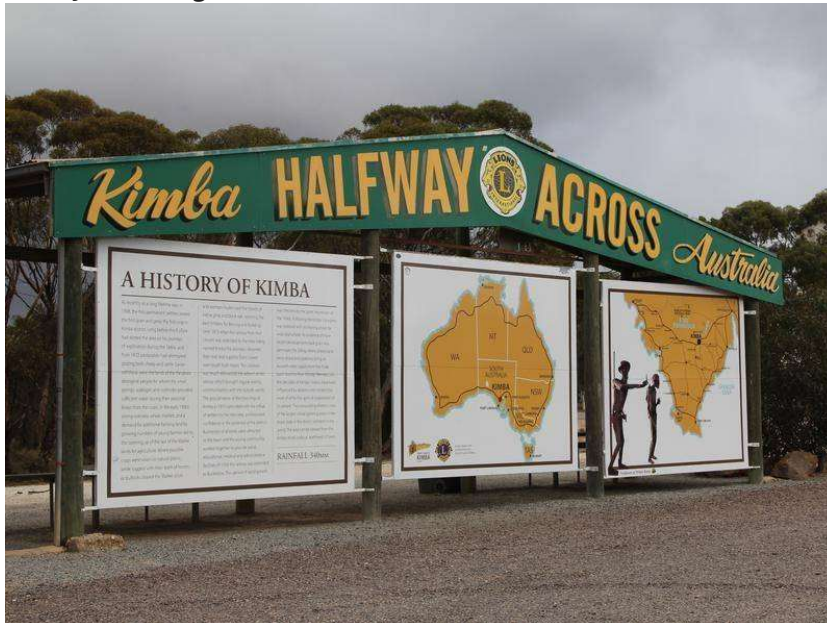


#### 4. Port Lincoln Times

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## 5. Macarthur Advertiser

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6. ABC Radio Adelaide, Adelaide, 17:00 News at 17:02

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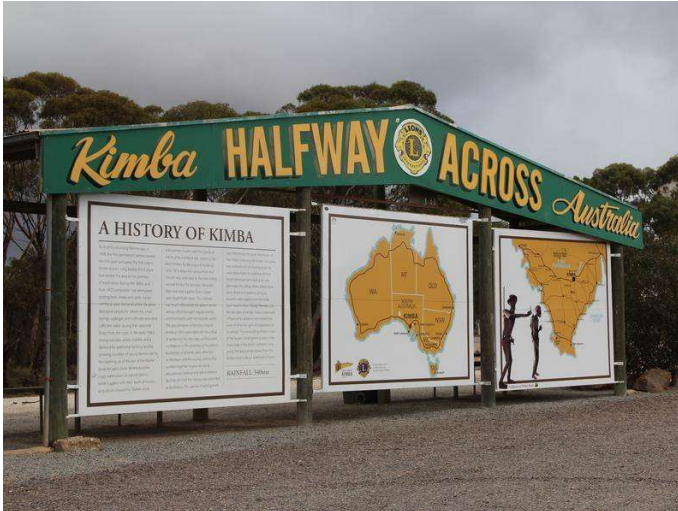
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## 7. Bendigo Advertiser

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## 9. Adelaide Advertiser



31 Jan 2019

Adelaide Advertiser, Adelaide

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## Traditional owners bid for vote on nuke site

KATHRYN BERMINGHAM

A SOUTH Australian council gave no consideration to traditional owners when deciding who should vote on a nuclear waste dump planned for their land, a court has heard.

Kimba District Council chief executive officer Deborah Larwood, pictured, yesterday gave evidence at a Federal Court hearing between the council and the Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation.

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## 10. Sydney Morning Herald



31 Jan 2019

Sydney Morning Herald, Sydney

Section: Letters • Article Type: Letter • Audience : 88,634 • Page: 21  
Printed size: 80.00cm<sup>2</sup> • Region: NSW • Market: Australia • ASR: AUD 5,821  
words: 110 • Item ID: 1070915147

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**Storage key to waste**

Your correspondent is incorrect to state that the small amount of waste from state-of-the-art nuclear power plants can be “easily disposed of” (Letters, January 30).

The radioactive waste cannot be “made gone”, but it can be stored effectively and safely. New material technologies are available now for safe, stable chemically encapsulated containment.

Australia has had a continuous functioning nuclear reactor operation since 1958 (without incident), with all waste being stored on site at Lucas Heights. Now is the time to invest in up-scaling the containment technology and establishing the long-promised medium-level nuclear waste repository.

**Dale Bailey, Professor of Medical Radiation Science, University of Sydney**



Radioactive waste can be stored.



## 11. Barrier Daily Truth



31 Jan 2019  
Barrier Daily Truth, Broken Hill

Author: Kathryn Bermingham • Section: General News • Article Type: News Item  
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-AAP



12. Southern Cross GTS/BKN Broken Hill, Port Pirie, Nightly News Spencer Gulf at 19:03

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By [Louise Hedger](#)



[Southern Cross GTS/BKN Broken Hill](#), Port Pirie, Nightly News Spencer Gulf at 19:03

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## 13. Eyre Peninsula Tribune



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# Barngarla case hits court

## NATIONAL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY BALLOT

THE Kimba District Council did not consider native title holders when deciding who should vote on a proposed nuclear waste dump, a court has heard.

Council chief executive officer Deb Larwood gave evidence at a Federal Court hearing between the council and the Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation last Wednesday.

The Barngarla people have argued the council's decision to exclude native title holders from the ballot because they do not live in the municipality is discriminatory.

Ms Larwood told the court the council had decided to hold the ballot in accordance with eligibility guidelines set out under the Local Government Elections Act.

She said there was never any discussion about including traditional owners in the

poll until after that decision was made, when the council received a letter from the Barngarla people.

"There was a lot of issues that would arise if the Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation went outside of the guidelines to be allowed to vote," she said.

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The judge reserved his decision.



14. , Port Lincoln, 06:30 News at 06:31

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By [Newsreader](#)



[ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast](#), Port Lincoln, 06:30 News at 06:31

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15.ABC North and West SA, Port Pirie, Breakfast at 08:31

News Headlines - According to Dan van Holst Pellekaan, Minister for Energy and Mining, the threat of legal action is preventing him from meeting with affected residents in the town of Mintabie. - D

By [Paul Culliver](#)



[ABC North and West SA](#), Port Pirie, Breakfast at 08:31

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16.ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, Breakfast at 08:32

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17.ABC North and West SA, Port Pirie, Breakfast at 08:47

Program Preview - Discussion on the nuclear waste debate in Kimba and Hawker.

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19.ABC Radio Adelaide, Adelaide, 13:00 News at 13:04

Freedom of Information documents obtained by Centre Alliance Senator Rex Patrick shows the Federal Government may have a preferred site at Kimba for a nuclear waste disposal facility. has obtained the

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20.ABC Online

# Nuclear waste site selection process triggers mental health concerns, business boycotts and division, FOI documents reveal

**ABC North and West SA**

By [Gary-Jon Lysaght](#)

Updated 13 Feb 2019, 7:19pm



**PHOTO:** [Napandee near Kimba is one of two proposed sites near the town for the nuclear waste facility.](#) (ABC News: Gary-Jon Lysaght)

**Freedom of Information (FOI) documents reveal the Federal Government has been aware of potential mental health issues, from as early as 2017, caused by the search for a site to store the nation's nuclear waste.**

The Federal Government is considering two sites at Kimba and one near Hawker for a facility that would permanently store low-level waste and temporarily store intermediate-level waste.

Kimba, a small town on South Australia's Eyre Peninsula, has been divided on whether to support or oppose the facility.

Some residents believe the facility could help bring much-needed business to the rural town, while others suggest it could damage the region's agricultural reputation.

"Many of the opposed group have raised the issue of mental health in submissions and direct discussions," the FOI documents, written in 2017, said.



"They believe mental health issues are arising in Kimba due to the stress of being in this process. These issues have been raised with the Kimba doctor and counsellor."



**PHOTO:** [Senator Rex Patrick requested the Freedom of Information documents.](#) (ABC News: Gary-Jon Lysaght)  
Centre Alliance Senator Rex Patrick obtained the Freedom of Information documents and hoped the concerns were a catalyst for change.

"In my view, that creates a very strong obligation for the Government to act," he said.

"They've clearly known about this issue since 2017 and it is now time to ask the minister exactly what he is doing in relation to that."

Industry, Innovation and Science Minister, Matt Canavan, is responsible for determining which site should be chosen for the facility.

"If anyone in Kimba advises they have concerns about their health, they can be referred to the Kimba Mental Health and Wellbeing Group," a department spokesman said.

"Following a Community Benefit Program application, that group received funding of \$30,000 for Healthy Mind Healthy Community workshops to improve resilience, mental health and wellbeing."

Site selection process ongoing

The site selection process has been put on hold since traditional owners took the District Council of Kimba to court over a proposed community ballot on support for the facility.

The Barngarla Native Title Determination Aboriginal Corporation took the matter to the Federal Court because not all native title holders were included in the ballot.

A decision will be made on the court action this year, with Native Title holders claiming the ballot would breach the Racial Discrimination Act.



**PHOTO:** [The Big Galah at Kimba on South Australia's Eyre Peninsula is said to mark the nation's 'half-way point'.](#) (Supplied)



However, an early technical assessment gave the Napandee property a score of 90, while Lyndhurst received 82.

"Both sites were ranked as 'highly suitable' by the initial desktop assessment," the FOI documents said.

"This assessment involved a multi-criteria site assessment where the sites were evaluated against criteria of health, safety, security, environment protection, equity, economic viability, and stable environment.

"On balance, it is recommended that if there is a decision to proceed, both sites should be taken forward.

**"If only one site is taken forward, it is recommended to be Napandee."**

This is despite a consultation in 2016, mentioned in the documents, found "that the Lyndhurst site was preferred by the community".

"Given the perception it is 'further out of town' and on less productive land, but there is no strong basis for this assessment."

#### Community divided

The documents also revealed that the Federal Government was aware of the "strong division" within Kimba that the site selection process was causing.

"It is unlikely community views will change significantly in the short to medium term, with a block of around 40 per cent persistently strongly opposed," the documents said.

"There is strong division in the town and this is expected to continue and may become more vocal in the short term."

Jeff Baldock owns Napandee, the site indicated to be preferred by the Federal Government in the FOI documents.

"It's been a very long process," he said.

"When it first started out, there was probably a few things that could have been done better.

**"But as it's gone along, everyone's had plenty of opportunity to find out what they want to know."**

Mr Baldock said there had been "vague references" to mental health concerns.

"But I've never actually spoken to anyone who feels particularly that way and I know that the department did have an open offer that they could contact them."



**PHOTO:** [Kimba farmer Peter Woolford \(L\), said people have left Kimba because of the site selection process.](#) (ABC News: Natalie Whiting)

Peter Woolford is Chair of No Radioactive Waste on Agricultural Land in Kimba or South Australia, an organisation against the facility.



He said there was no doubt that the site selection process had caused mental health concerns within the community.

"We've lost people from our community because of it," he said.

"People I speak to are reluctant to go into Kimba much these days.

"It's disappointing to say the least that if you went up the street and tried to have a conversation about the nuclear waste facility from people from opposite sides, you wouldn't get much of a conversation."

#### Boycotting businesses



PHOTO: [Kimba is well known for its](#)

[agricultural industry](#). (ABC Rural: Flint Duxfield)

Another section of the documents found there had been some cases of businesses being boycotted by locals if the owner either supported or opposed the facility.

"Business owners have noted that boycotting of businesses by the opposed group is occurring," the documents said.

"While these claims may be exaggerated, this would appear valid and detrimental to the town."

The ABC has also been told that those opposed to the facility were boycotting businesses that supported it.

It has also been told that up to 90 per cent of businesses at Kimba supported the facility.

Senator Patrick was concerned about the impact boycotting businesses could have on a town like Kimba.

"Kimba is a very small township and the last thing you want to have is animosity developing across members of the community," he said.

"To the point where they simply won't go and shop in a particular shop because of someone's view on this issue."

#### Read the FOI documents

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-02-13/foi-documents-show-kimba-divided-over-nuclear-waste-site/10807462>





21.ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, 06:30 News at 06:32

A Kimba farmer says the nuclear waste site selection process has affected the mental health of some residents. It comes after Freedom of Information documents reveal that the Federal Government knew

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By [Newsreader](#)



[ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast](#), Port Lincoln, 06:30 News at 06:32

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A Kimba farmer says the nuclear waste site selection process has affected the mental health of some residents. It comes after Freedom of Information documents reveal that the Federal Government knew about the health concerns since 2017. Peter Walford of the No Nuclear Waste on Agricultural Land in Kimba or SA says the process has taken its toll as they lost people in their community because of it.

22.ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, 07:30 News at 07:32

According to Freedom of Information documents, the Federal Government scores Jeff Baldock's Napandee as a favourable site for a nuclear waste facility at Kimba in the Eyre Peninsula than at Lyndhurst.

By [Newsreader](#)



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23.ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, SA Country Hour at 12:21

Pre-recorded interview with Centre Alliance Senator Rex Patrick. Patrick says Freedom of Information documents have made it very clear that the Government is aware of the fact that there may be some m

By [Cassie Hough](#)



[ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast](#), Port Lincoln, SA Country Hour at 12:21

14 Feb 2019 12:21 PM

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24.ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, SA Country Hour at 12:23

Pre-recorded interview with No Radioactive Waste on Agricultural Land in Kimba or SA chair Peter Woolford. Woolford says there's no doubt that the nuclear waste site selection process has affected the

By [Cassie Hough](#)



[ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast](#), Port Lincoln, SA Country Hour at 12:23



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Pre-recorded interview with No Radioactive Waste on Agricultural Land in Kimba or SA chair Peter Woolford. Woolford says there's no doubt that the nuclear waste site selection process has affected the mental health of some residents. He states this process has taken a toll and it will continue on as there's so much uncertainty. He notes they lost people in the community because of it. The Freedom of Information documents obtained by Centre Alliance Senator Rex Patrick show the Federal Government was aware of some mental health issues as far back as 2017. Woolford says it is a long-term issue that was raised to the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science. He believes the department is working through those issues.

25.ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, SA Country Hour at 12:27

Pre-recorded interview with Napandee Station owner Jeff Baldock about the mental health issues due to the nuclear site selection process in Kimba and Hawker. Baldock says he actually didn't heard much

By [Cassie Hough](#)




[ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast](#), Port Lincoln, SA Country Hour at 12:27

14 Feb 2019 12:27 PM

Pre-recorded interview with Napandee Station owner Jeff Baldock about the mental health issues due to the nuclear site selection **process in Kimba and Hawker**. Baldock says he actually didn't heard much about the mental health issues in Kimba. However, he thinks it's very sad if people feel that kind of concern. He states that what the community want is to have the chance to have their say. He notes the town was named a couple of years ago as the Happiest Town in Rural Town of SA.



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## Dump search impacts exposed

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Government documents suggest the nuclear waste site selection process has triggered mental health concerns, business boycotts and division.

The Federal Government has spent close to two years searching for a site to store the nation's nuclear waste.

Documents obtained under Freedom of Information (FOI) suggest there were reports of potential mental health issues linked to the waste dump idea from as early as 2017.

Residents of one small SA town considered as a dump site - Kimba on the Eyre Peninsula - are deeply divided on the issue.

Some welcome the prospect of jobs and economic assistance, but others are concerned about the ramifications.

Reports say those opposed to the facility are also boycotting businesses that support it.

"Many of the opposed group have raised the issue of mental health in submissions and direct discussions," the FOI documents, written in 2017, said.

"They believe mental health issues are arising in Kimba due to the stress of being in this process.

"These issues have been raised with the Kimba doctor and counsellor."

Centre Alliance Senator Rex Patrick says the documents should be a catalyst for change.

"In my view, that creates a very strong obligation for the Government to act," he said.

"They've clearly known about this issue since 2017 and it is now time to ask the minister exactly what he is doing in relation to that."

Industry Minister Matt Canavan says there are options for any locals whose mental health is affected by the nuclear waste dump.

"If anyone in Kimba advises they have concerns about their health, they can be referred to the Kimba Mental Health and Wellbeing Group," a department spokesperson said.

"Following a Community Benefit Program application, that group received funding of \$30,000 for Healthy Mind Healthy Community workshops to improve resilience, mental health and wellbeing."

The Government documents suggest it will be a hard road to build a dump in Kimba.

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<http://www.greencareer.net.au/archived-news/dump-search-impacts-exposed>



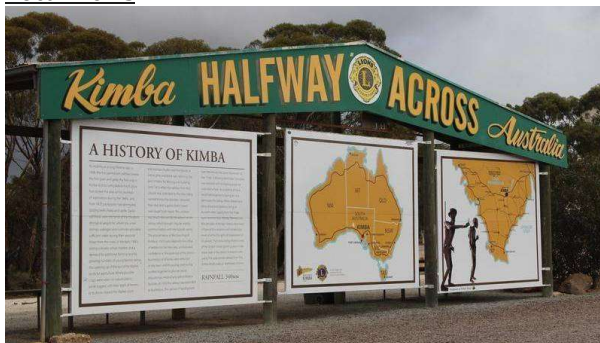
## 27. Whyalla News

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# Site search triggers concerns

Louis Mayfield

### Local News



CONCERNS: FOI documents show federal government is aware of mental health issues caused by nuclear site search.

The federal government's search for a site to store nuclear waste has triggered concerns about mental health, business boycotts, and community division in Kimba according to documents released on Wednesday.

**Kimba and Hawker** have been short-listed as potential sites for the government's waste management facility, which would store low-level and intermediate-level nuclear waste

Documents written in 2017 released under the Freedom of Information Act reveal that members of the group opposed to the nuclear waste facility in Kimba had raised the issue of mental health in direct discussion with the government.

"They believe mental health issues are arising in Kimba due to the stress of being in this process. These issues have been raised with the Kimba doctor and counsellor," reads the documents.

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Centre Alliance Senator Rex Patrick, who requested the FOI documents, said the federal government had a duty to offer assistance through normal health channels to anyone in the community struggling with mental health issues.



"It's clear from the FOI that the government is aware of the division in this community and the effects of that division on the community," he said.

"It was also obvious during the Senate Inquiry process that the government knows it won't get past 60 per cent of people supporting the proposal, and therefore it won't be in a position to claim broad community support."

The FOI documents state that the government had 'consciously not defined 'broad community support' to a specific percentage because there are a range of factors that need to be considered'.

The Kimba community remains deeply divided on the nuclear facility, with some locals believing it could bring new jobs and an economic boost to the town while others are concerned about the danger it poses to the town's environment.

The documents also show that local business owners have raised the issue of the group opposed to the facility boycotting certain businesses in Kimba.

"While these claims may be exaggerated, this appears valid and determinedly to the town," the FOI documents read.

The FOI documents indicate that the two sites at Kimba, Napandee and Lyndhurst, are likely to proceed to stage 2 of the project. In an early site technical assessment Nedpandee received a rating of 90 while Lyndhurst was rated 82.

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28.Southern Cross GTS/BKN Broken Hill, Port Pirie, Nightly News Spencer Gulf at 18:42

New documents have revealed the Federal Government is aware the nuclear waste facility controversy is causing mental health problems in Kimba and Hawker. Rex Patrick, Federal Senator, acquired the doc

By [Casey Treloar](#)



[Southern Cross GTS/BKN Broken Hill](#), Port Pirie, Nightly News Spencer Gulf at 18:42

19 Feb 2019 6:42 PM

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29. Eyre Peninsula Tribune

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## Letters to the editor



### Facility should be scrapped

My concerns are not with ANSTO, I appreciate and am aware of the work that is done there and its value.

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I realise the need for the waste facility for Australia's waste only.

If it is as safe as claimed why transport the waste half way across Australia to become the responsibility of the rural community also when we have so much arid and semi-arid land in Australia.

The site will be here for hundreds if not thousands of years the responsibility of future generations.

I went to the first meeting organised by Rowan Ramsey our federal member, he said it would be low level waste that would be deposited in the proposed site.

The next meeting there would also be stored on a temporary basis intermediate level waste for a time of approximately three or four decades and an offer of ten million dollars and 15 jobs.

Now it is \$31 million plus two million dollars every year for at least two years, a total of \$35 million, plus 45 jobs.

The storage time for the intermediate waste could be 100 years.

The cost to build the waste facility is estimated to be approximately \$200 million.

The 100 hectares of land will become federal government property, our local government, state government and present federal government will have no control over its future use.

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Regarding the proposed voting, at present between 700 and 800 people in the Kimba district have the right to vote.

The population of South Australia is approximately 1.5 million people.

The voters in the Kimba district will make the decision as to whether not only Kimba or Eyre Peninsula but the whole of South Australia will have a radioactive waste facility whether they want it or not.

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Eyre Peninsula is a unique part of South Australia, don't spoil it with a radioactive waste facility.

**AUSTEN EATTS**  
**Kimba**

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BY LOUIS MAYFIELD

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Centre Alliance Senator

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the federal government had a duty to offer assistance through normal health channels to anyone in the community struggling with mental health issues.

"It's clear from the FOI that the government is aware of the division in this community and the effects of that division on the community," he said.

The Kimba community remains deeply divided on the nuclear facility, with some locals believing it could bring new jobs and an economic boost to the town while others are concerned about the danger it poses to the town's environment.

The documents also show that local business owners have raised the issue of the group opposed to the facility boycotting certain businesses in Kimba.

"While these claims may be exaggerated, this appears valid and determinedly to the town," the FOI documents read. The FOI documents indicate that the two sites at Kimba, Napandee

and Lyndhurst, were subject to an early technical assessment. Nedpandee received a rating of 90 while Lyndhurst was rated 82. "Both sites were ranked as 'highly suitable' by the initial desktop assessment," the FOI documents said. "This assessment involved a multi-criteria site assessment where the sites were evaluated against

the criteria of health, safety, security, environment protection, equity, economic viability, and stable environment."



32. Adelaide Now

## Risk of terrorism at radioactive waste site kept secret from residents near earmarked sites

Jade Gailberger, Federal Political Reporter, The Advertiser

February 24, 2019 11:25pm

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The proposed site of the nuclear waste facility on Wallerberdina Station, near Hawker. Picture: Tom Huntley  
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## 33. Adelaide Advertiser



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34. ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, 06:30 News at 06:30

World News Scotland - Freedom Of Information documents reveal Scotland can refuse to send nuclear waste to Australia based on human rights concerns. It comes documents obtained by Scottish media state

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35. ABC South East SA, Mt Gambier, 06:30 News at 06:31

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36.ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, 07:30 News at 07:30

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## 38. Adelaide Advertiser



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## Nuclear dump

SO, terrorists may target the handling and storage of dangerous nuclear waste in SA in order to make "dirty bombs" (*The Advertiser*, yesterday).

But there is nothing to worry about, the people are being told.

However, by establishing a dump on the outskirts of Canberra, any such dangers could be promptly and conveniently managed by those reassuring resident ACT experts who are otherwise kindly seeking to sugar coat a nuclear dump deal by throwing in a few hazardous jobs in faraway, out-of-mind and out-of-sight places like Kimba and Hawker SA.

Beware of the bureaucrat and his manipulated master.

**NEIL LONGBOTTOM,**  
**Minlaton**



39.ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, 06:30 News at 06:30

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Kimba. Adnyamathanha people are the traditional owners of the Hawker area and local Regina McKenzie says the prospect of a waste facility is troubling.

41. Whyalla News

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## Senator flags terrorism risk

Louis Mayfield

Local News



RISKS: Centre Alliance Senator flags terrorist risk to nuclear facility in Kimba or Hawker, government says there is no risk of an attack.

Centre Alliance Senator Rex Patrick has criticised the federal government for not informing the communities of Kimba and Hawker about the terrorism risk that could result from a nuclear waste facility being established in the area.

Senator Patrick recently obtained an emergency response plan from the Defence Department under Freedom Of Information (FOI) laws which reveals Defence believes their Koolymika radioactive waste storage facility in the Woomera Prohibited Area is at risk from:

*"terrorist activity aimed at accessing the facility for publicity purposes or for removing drums from the facility for use in a 'dirty bomb'."*

A 'dirty bomb' is an explosive device that combines radioactive material with conventional explosives.

When detonated the bomb contaminates the blast area with radioactive material to hinder first responders and to deny general access to the area until it has been properly cleaned up.

The federal government is proposing to move the radioactive waste from Woomera to a low-level nuclear waste facility in Kimba or Hawker.

Senator Patrick said transferring radioactive material from the Woomera Prohibited Area to land in Kimba or Hawker doesn't eliminate the risk of terrorism.

"It is clear that Defence plans for a terrorism risk in relation to radioactive waste stored inside the Woomera Prohibited Area," he said.



"Shifting the waste out of the Defence secure area to the South Australian countryside could only increase the risk.

"A waste repository outside a secure Defence controlled area could be a focus for terrorists seeking to obtain radioactive material – or could be a terrorist target itself."

When asked whether the same 'dirty bomb' risk would apply to a facility in Kimba of Hawker, First Assistant Secretary - Infrastructure for Defence Chris Birrer said there was not a direct comparison between the sites.

"The plan (Senator Patrick) has relates to the interim storage of the waste that's in (Woomera) now and doesn't relate to the long-term storage for a national facility," he said.

Mr Birrer said that Defence had not briefed the community on the terrorist risk as that was the responsibility of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.

Resources Minister Matt Canavan said he had not been provided with advice that terrorism would be a risk to a nuclear facility in Kimba or Hawker.

"The Department and myself have gone through the assessment of the risk of the handling, storage, and transport of nuclear waste and this has never been raised as an issue," he said.

"I have no reason to believe there is any risk of this."

<https://www.whyllanewsonline.com.au/story/5923321/senator-flags-terrorism-risk/>

42. Southern Cross GTS/BKN Broken Hill, Port Pirie, Nightly News Spencer Gulf at 18:38

Government documents Senator Rex Patrick obtained through Freedom of Information reveal the proposed nuclear waste facility in Kimba and Hawker could be a target for terror activities. The document at

By [Casey Treloar](#)



[Southern Cross GTS/BKN Broken Hill](#), Port Pirie, Nightly News Spencer Gulf at 18:38

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Government documents Senator Rex Patrick obtained through Freedom of Information reveal the proposed nuclear waste facility in Kimba and Hawker could be a target for terror activities. The document also cited the potential for radioactive material to be used for a dirty bomb. Locals say they were briefed on the security threat. However, they say every time they raise the issue they





were brushed aside by the Government. In a statement, the Federal Government has disputed the claims. It furthers the 14 of the 45 jobs created will be dedicated to security operation personnel.

43.Koori Mail



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Koori Mail, Lismore

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# Ballot process grilled in court



A SOUTH Australian council did not consider native title holders when deciding who should vote on a proposed nuclear waste dump, a court has heard.

Kimba District Council chief executive officer Deborah Larwood gave evidence at a Federal Court hearing between the council and the Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation recently.

The Barngarla people have argued the council's decision to exclude native title holders from the ballot because they do not live in the municipality is discriminatory.

Ms Larwood told the court the council had decided to hold the ballot in accordance with eligibility guidelines set out under the *Local Government Elections Act*.

She said there was never any discussion about including

traditional owners in the poll until after that decision was made, when the council received a letter from the Barngarla people.

"There was a lot of issues that would arise if the Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation went outside of the guidelines to be allowed to vote," she said.

"It (would have) then opened up: Should we be letting all other owners who are non-ratepayers have a vote?"

Two sites near Kimba, on the Eyre Peninsula, have been short-listed as potential locations for a low-level radioactive waste storage facility, while a third is near the Flinders Ranges town of Hawker.

The Kimba vote was stalled last year after the Barngarla people won an injunction in the South Australian Supreme Court, where the case was then referred to the Australian Human

Rights Commission.

Lawyer Dan O'Gorman, for the Barngarla people, again argued that the ballot was in contravention of the *Racial Discrimination Act*.

He said the breach occurred because the council chose to use the eligibility guidelines established under the Act – it was not compelled to do so.

Also called to give evidence was Bruce Wilson, principal advisor to the National Radioactive Waste Management Taskforce.

Mr Wilson said the ballot was a "tried method that had community understanding and integrity" after a similar vote was conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission on behalf of the council in 2017.

"That process was run, that worked well ... it was agreed by ourselves and the council that they would use that method in the second ballot for that reason," he said. – AAP



## 44. Eyre Peninsula Tribune



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Eyre Peninsula Tribune, Cleve

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### EVERYONE GETS A SAY

I write in response to 'Facility should be scraped', Austen Eatts, 20 February 2019.

Mr Eatts has been passionate in his advocacy concerning the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility, and has engaged respectfully with our department throughout the process, raising these and other issues.

We thank him for his feedback and commitment to ensuring his community understands this important discussion.

Mr Eatts is correct that Australia has benefitted enormously from the production of nuclear medicine that one in two Australians will need at some point in their lifetime.

Along with these and the many other benefits of our nuclear program comes the responsibility to properly manage the by-product of radioactive waste.

Radioactive waste is spread over more than 100 locations around the country, and government policy and international best practice is to consolidate it into a single, safe facility.

The key principles of this process are to find a site volunteered by a landowner, which is suitable

from a technical perspective and is alongside a community supportive of hosting this industry.

Now this certainly does not mean that everyone has to agree with the proposed facility.

It is the job of The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science to provide as much information to people in the communities as possible, to assist them to make up their mind.

To that end, the department has always been transparent with the type of waste that will be stored, the measures to ensure safety, and the employment impact it will have.

The chosen facility will be for the safe, permanent disposal of low-level waste and temporary storage of intermediate level waste over a few decades.

This facility could never become the permanent home for intermediate level waste, which will eventually need to be moved to a deep geological facility with very different

features to this one.

In response to the other points raised, I offer the following.

The facility will have an operational life of 100 years.

After that it will be monitored for a further 200-300 years, so we are not talking 'thousands of years' as claimed.

The \$31 million Community Development Package will ensure the selected community has the skills and capabilities in place to take advantage of all the opportunities that will come with the facility, and to support other industries that the community might wish to specialise in over the long-term.

The advice from ANSTO is that the facility would directly generate 45 full-time jobs and the Cadence Economics report showed 75 per cent of workers would come from the local region.

The facility employees are expected to earn, in total, a combined \$4.7 million a year in salary.

The community remains at the centre of this process and a site will not be selected without broad community support.

That said, anyone can provide input to the decision, and make their feedback known by putting in a submission [www.radioactive.gov.au](http://www.radioactive.gov.au).

There is also extensive additional information available at [www.radioactive.gov.au](http://www.radioactive.gov.au).

**BRUCE WILSON**

**Department of Industry, Innovation and Science principal advisor**





## 45. West Coast Sentinel



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West Coast Sentinel, Ceduna

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# Champion in running

BY JARRAD DELANEY

PROTECTING the Great Australian Bight and preventing nuclear waste storage on the Eyre Peninsula are two of the issues Candace Champion has her eyes on as The Greens candidate for Grey.

Ms Champion, an Aboriginal woman of Adnyamathanha, Kuyani, Mirning and Kupana descent, officially launched her campaign at Central Oval in Port Augusta earlier this month.

She said she was inspired to run for government by looking at the many issues faced by her family, friends, country, communities, church and society.

"These are the underlying reasons for my drive, determination and willingness to run for government.

"By running for the seat of Grey I hope to achieve real advocacy, I will advocate for equality, justice and change.

"The Greens are a party born from grassroots democracy and, with them I will do all that I can to create positive change, outcomes and solutions for the people

of Grey."

Priorities for Ms Champion include Aboriginal health care and working to Close the Gap, employment opportunities and social justice and equality for all people.

Ms Champion said another big priority was opposing seismic testing, exploration and oil drilling in the Bight.

"I applaud Port Lincoln

and other West Coast councils, communities and people for their courage and action in opposition to oil drilling in the Bight," she said.

"The Great Australian Bight is full of life and to put these lifeforms and environments at risk would be poor custodianship on our part."

Ms Champion said she also stood with those who

opposed a nuclear waste storage facility at Kimba and in the Flinders Ranges.

"The risks of storing nuclear waste are countless, an attempt to mitigate these risks would require long term management."

The Greens have come out against the cashless welfare card in Ceduna and she echoed this stance.

Ms Champion said evidence showed this form of compulsory income management did not work.

"Instead we should be properly funding existing services and turning our attention to the underlying causes of alcohol and drug abuse, which the government claims these trials are about."



46.Port Augusta Transcontinental

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## Nuclear waste info session held for community members

**Marco Balsamo**

### Local News



**RADIOACTIVE WASTE:** Nuclear Taskforce Principal Advisor Bruce Wilson hosted the community information session in Port Augusta. **PHOTO:** Department of Industry, Innovation and Science. Members of the Adnyamathanha and Barngarla communities gathered in Port Augusta for an information session about the national radioactive waste management facility.

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"The elders wanted us to provide the facts, and more broadly this was a great chance to let people know how important nuclear medicine and research is, and how the by-products are safely managed," Mr Wilson said.

"The Department would like to offer its thanks to those who took the time out to participate in this information session, and also thank the community for its patience during this process."

The session was organised at the request of Adnyamathanha elders Tiger McKenzie and Angelina Stuart to give locals more information about the proposed facility.



Ms Stuart said the session was well-attended and very informative, presenting "new information and facts, instead of the bad image".

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"The best future we can secure for the next generation is one where our people have opportunities and jobs, and our community has strength.

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The potential facility has divided opinions in both Hawker and Kimba, with community members protesting against the project on multiple occasions.

The most recent *protest was held at the steps of Parliament House* in Adelaide in November 2018.

<https://www.transcontinental.com.au/story/5930597/community-gets-informed-about-nuclear-waste/>



## 47. Port Augusta Transcontinental



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## 48. Eyre Peninsula Tribune



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# Mental health road-block

RECENTLY released government documents have revealed concerns about the impact of the radioactive waste storage site selection process on the mental health of Kimba residents.

Documents written in 2017 released under the Freedom of Information Act reveal that members of the group opposed to the nuclear waste facility in Kimba had raised the issue of mental health in direct discussion with the government.

"They believe mental health issues are arising in Kimba due to the stress of being in this process," the documents read.

"These issues have been raised with the Kimba doctor and counsellor."

Since the round of consultation in 2017, the town has lost its permanent doctor, which mayor Dean Johnson said had led to an "absolute crisis" in access to all medical services including mental health.

Mr Johnson said access to

mental health services was drastically hindered by the inability for residents to easily obtain a GP referral.

He said there was "absolutely no way to address mental health if you haven't got a GP."

A department of industry spokesperson said if anyone in Kimba had concerns about their health, they could be referred to the Kimba Mental

Health and Wellbeing Group which has received funding through their Community Benefit Program.

Mr Johnson said the Mental Health and Wellbeing Group had been "fantastic" in hosting activities and promoting conversations on the topic within the community, but it was inappropriate to refer people struggling with mental health problems to volunteers.

"I do think that the department have not adequately addressed our need for a GP in the community," he said.

Mr Johnson said he would like to see the department

discuss a funding program to hire at least one permanent doctor "immediately."

When questioned about their involvement with the search for a GP in Kimba, a department spokesperson said they were "working with both communities to ensure economic development opportunities and community benefits are maximised through the \$31 million community development package."

"This includes exploring the potential to use this and other funding programs to attract and retain the services of a GP in Kimba."

The spokesperson said the department had discussed this at the most recent Kimba Economic Working Group workshop on February 21.



#### 49.ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln

Anti-nuclear campaigners at both Kimba and Hawker have called on the Federal Government to consider a WA nuclear waste facility in Leonora, Goldfields. Azark Project chairman George Gear says the site

By [Newsreader](#)



[ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast](#), Port Lincoln, 06:30 News at 06:30

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Anti-nuclear campaigners at both Kimba and **Hawker** have called on the Federal Government to consider a WA nuclear waste facility in Leonora, Goldfields. Azark Project chairman George Gear says the site is perfect. However, Australian Conservation Foundation's Dave Sweeney says the proposal isn't good enough. The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science says it would be in good faith to engage with new communities until the result of the SA process is known.



50.ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast, Port Lincoln, 06:30 News at 06:31

Kimba's local council is looking to firm up economic future regardless of whether the town will be home to a nuclear waste storage facility or not. They have hired Bank of IDEAS' Peter Kenyon to facil

By [Newsreader](#)



[ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast](#), Port Lincoln, 06:30 News at 06:31

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By [Newsreader](#)



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52.ABC Online

## Outback WA council keeps hand raised for nuclear waste facility, as legal action halts progress on SA sites

ABC North and West SA

By [Gary-Jon Lysaght](#)

Updated 12 Mar 2019, 11:37am



**PHOTO:** [Leonora Shire in outback WA wants to store](#)

[Australia's radioactive waste.](#) (ABC Goldfields-Esperance: Jarrod Lucas)

Key points:

- Kimba and **Hawker** in South Australia are being considered as sites for storing nuclear waste
- A company called the Azark Project has a proposal to store waste in a "seismically stable" location near Leonora in the WA Goldfields
- The Federal Government says it is currently not considering Leonora as a potential location

Leonora, a WA Goldfields town about 200 kilometres north of Kalgoorlie, [is being touted as a potential location](#) for an underground nuclear waste disposal facility.

The Federal Government is considering sites at Kimba and Hawker in South Australia for an above-ground facility capable of permanently storing low-level waste and temporarily storing intermediate-level waste.



**PHOTO:** [The Leonora proposal is for low and intermediate-level waste to be stored underground.](#) (Hadi Zaher/Flickr CC BY)

Nuclear waste being stored at Australia's Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) would be sent to the nuclear waste disposal facility.

The Azark Project, the company behind the Leonora proposal, said a site 15km outside of the town was the best place for a permanent nuclear waste facility.



The company is headed by George Gear, who was an assistant treasurer in the second Keating Government.

"Every day of the week, road trains go through the town taking things like cyanide, explosives, fuel and going back the other way they've got radioactive minerals for export," Mr Gear said.

"Common sense should tell [you] that if you're going to store radioactive waste, at least do it in an area where this is not going to cause any upset — where it's a natural place to put it."

Mr Gear said the proposed site on a cattle station called Clover Downs outside of Leonora was a seismically inactive place.

He said the Azark proposal was to store low-level and intermediate-level waste underground on a permanent basis.



**PHOTO:** [Nuclear waste stored at ANSTO would be sent to the facility.](#) (ABC News: Marty McCarthy)

"The rock body itself is 4km deep, it's been seismically stable for over 1 billion years and that's much more secure," he said.

"It's much better technically to have it underground than sitting in an above-ground facility."

Leonora not being considered



**PHOTO:** [Resources Minister Matt Canavan \(left\) will decide where the facility will be located.](#) (ABC News: Nick Haggarty)

The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science said it was currently not considering Leonora as a potential location and that detailed studies were continuing at the three nominated sites in South Australia.

Lyndhurst and Napandee are the properties near Kimba being considered and the site near Hawker is called Wallerberdina Station.

A proposed community ballot on support for the facility in Kimba and Hawker has been on hold pending legal action.

The Barngarla Native Title Determination Aboriginal Corporation took the District Council of Kimba to the Federal Court last year over the ballot.



The Aboriginal group said the proposed ballot breached the Racial Discrimination Act because not all native title holders were given the opportunity to vote, as some lived outside the council boundaries.

Ballots in both Kimba and Hawker have been on hold pending the outcome of that legal action.

"Together with results from public and private submissions and feedback from stakeholders including neighbours, council and local groups during community discussions, it will be determined if there is broad enough support at any of the sites," a department spokesman said.

He said the department had received an application for a site near Leonora and had been in discussions with the proponent.

"However, we consider it would not be in good faith to start detailed consultation processes with new communities until the outcome from the near-complete South Australian process is known," he said.

#### Support for alternative

But anti-nuclear campaigners in both towns have called on the Federal Government to consider Leonora as a potential site.

"It should be a preferred site over Hawker or Kimba," said Leon Ashton from the Flinders Local Action Group, which comprises concerned citizens in the Flinders Ranges.

"It's not on a floodplain, like Wallerberdina is, it's not prone to earthquakes.

"It's hard, stable granite, which is where this is meant to go."

Mr Ashton also said Leonora had a smaller tourist market than Hawker.



PHOTO: [Leon Ashton says Leonora should be the preferred site.](#) (ABC News: Gary-Jon Lysaght)



PHOTO: [Peter Woolford is an anti-nuclear campaigner from Kimba.](#) (Supplied: Peter Woolford)

Peter Woolford, from No Radioactive Waste on Agricultural Land at Kimba or South Australia, said it was the Government's "obligation" to assess all sites.

"What's being proposed at Kimba and **Hawker** is the low-level waste and then a temporary storage of intermediate-level waste," he said.

"The Government still has to find a place to put the intermediate-level waste for its final destination, which will be deep burial.

"The Leonora site may provide that option."



The Leonora Shire Council remains in favour of a nuclear waste facility near the town, saying it could provide jobs and much-needed infrastructure for the small town.

However, Shire President Peter Craig said that support could wane because of what he described as a lack of consultation from Azark.

"Azark did have a community meeting back in April 2018, which was pretty positive, there were some questions that still needed to be answered," he said.

"To this day, in our view, as a council, Azark have failed in consultation work with the community.



**PHOTO:** [Leonora Shire President Peter Craig says support for the facility could decline.](#) (ABC News: Rhiannon Shine)

"The community is probably offside at the moment because that consultation work hasn't been forthcoming.

"Whilst they may be doing work on the outside of Leonora, there certainly still needs to be a lot of work done on the inside."

Mr Craig said Azark had consulted people one-on-one but not in a wider group since the 2018 meeting.

Mr Gear said Azark had people in Leonora who spoke to residents "all the time" and was happy to facilitate more public meetings, if requested.

"We know the result, but if that's what's needed, that's what we'll do," he said.

#### Cultural and environmental concerns

Throughout the site selection process at both Kimba and Hawker there has been opposition from local Aboriginal groups, who say a facility would impinge on sacred land.

Dave Sweeney from the Australian Conservation Foundation said local Aboriginal groups at Leonora remained strongly opposed to the facility.



**PHOTO:** [Nuclear waste would be sent to the facility from Lucas Heights, in Sydney's south.](#) (ABC News: Marty McCarthy)



"[Azark] says there's no chance of any impact on water — there's no evidential basis for that," he said.

"They say there is no cultural or heritage issues — that is contested by local Aboriginal people.

"When this was first flagged, Aboriginal people who have deep concerns about this proposal got a petition together that rapidly got, in a number of days, around 500 signatures.

"In a remote region, that's a quick and significant expression of concern."

Mr Gear said water in the Leonora region would not be affected because the facility would be built into deep rock.

"We can be 100 per cent sure because it's in solid rock and there isn't any water in the rock," he said.

Mr Gear said there had been positive conversations between Azark and Aboriginal groups.

"They're willing to go out and start cataloguing areas that are important to them," he said.

A report by Glenn Baker, a former local councillor and proponent of the Leonora facility, described the petition as "misleading".

"I find town leaders both white and Aboriginal supportive of the Azark Project," Mr Baker said in the report.

Mr Sweeney said the Federal Government should stop the site selection process.

"We desperately need, right now, for the brakes to go on the federal process at Kimba and at Hawker and an independent assessment of the best ways we can manage radioactive waste."

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-03-12/goldfields-council-continues-support-for-nuclear-waste-facility/10887644>



53. Eyre Peninsula Tribune

## **All getting their say**

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Does anyone believe the government will remove this material in a "few decades"?

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**Kimba**

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55.ABC Online

## Will Australia finally get a national nuclear waste facility?

7.30

By [Angelique Donnellan](#)

Updated 28 Mar 2019, 6:36pm



PHOTO: [The debate over the national nuclear waste facility is dividing communities.](#) (ABC News)

**For 40 years Australia has sought to centralise its nuclear waste, but the question of where to put it remains unanswered because of bitter division.**

Key points:

- The Federal Government wants to store the nation's nuclear waste in South Australia
  - Three sites have been shortlisted, two in Kimba and one in Hawker
  - The proposal has divided both communities
- Nuclear waste is currently stored at more than 100 sites across Australia, including at hospitals and at the Lucas Heights nuclear reactor in Sydney — 85 per cent of it comes from making nuclear medicine at the Sydney reactor.

The latest Federal Government proposal is to build a single facility in regional South Australia for all of the nation's waste.

"The matter is pressing. Our current store facilities will be full sometime in the next decade, maybe a bit sooner," department of industry, innovation and science spokesperson Bruce Wilson told 7.30.

"There are a number of countries comparable to Australia: the UK, France, Spain, Canada, the US. They all have centralised waste facilities."

But like proposals before it, the latest one is bogged down in the courts because opponents are taking legal action.

Former Liberal senator Nick Minchin was a key figure in the Howard government's unsuccessful push for a nuclear waste facility in regional South Australia in the early 2000s and he is worried history is repeating.



**PHOTO:** [Former Liberal senator Nick Minchin.](#) (AAP: Alan Porritt)

"To think the Australian democracy is incapable of establishing such a facility would be tragic," Mr Minchin said.

["Having this waste just lying around and accumulating and not being stored in a proper and purpose-built facility ... it really is important that Australia bites the bullet on this."](#)

The Howard government dropped its proposal after it lost a fight with the South Australian Labor government in the High Court.

Mr Minchin said the saga "was one of the most frustrating periods of [his] political career".

"Fear, in my view, is the last resort of the political scoundrel, and it has been used in the issue of this vital national facility to frustrate governments in establishing this facility."

In 2007, a property called Mukaty Station in the Northern Territory was put forward to host the nuclear waste facility.

The plan was abandoned, again because of legal action, this time by the area's traditional owners.

Tightknit communities divided

The current proposal has three sites in regional South Australia shortlisted — two in Kimba, five hours north-west of Adelaide, and one in Hawker, near the Flinders Ranges.

Landholder Jeff Baldock has volunteered a portion of his property in Kimba for the proposed facility, which would store low-level nuclear waste for up to 400 years, and intermediate-level waste for a few decades before that is moved to another location.



**PHOTO:** [Jeff Baldock has volunteered a portion of his property in Kimba for the nuclear waste facility.](#) (ABC News: Tony Hill)

"Kimba is no different to any other small rural community where we have a shrinking population," Mr Baldock said.

["It's just a good opportunity for us to find another industry which doesn't rely on agriculture."](#)

"I don't seriously think there is any risk of this having an effect on our crops [or] livestock."

But Kimba resident Barry Wakelin is not so sure. Despite being a federal Liberal MP when the Howard government pushed for a national nuclear waste facility in the early 2000s, Mr Wakelin now opposes one near his town.



"At the moment I like to call my self a de-liberalised Liberal," he said.



**PHOTO:** [Former Liberal MP Barry Wakelin opposes having a nuclear waste facility near his town of Kimba.](#) (ABC News: Tony Hill)

"We are a wealthy, grain-producing area and that is the basis of our life.

"You take it away and you rely on nuclear waste, you see what you got? You got nothing."

Don't call it a dump

The issue has fractured relationships in both Kimba and Hawker.

"There are some people too gutless to come speak to me or my wife. Hate, ugly, nasty stuff, and it's not pretty," Mr Wakelin said.

Mr Baldock said "there's some friends we don't see a lot of anymore".

And is it a waste facility or a dump? Even what it is called has caused a rift.

Local business owner and teacher Meagan Lienert said she expected it to be a well managed "high-class, world-class facility" and "very different to a dump".

"What the hell are they talking about? Everyone knows what a nuclear dump is. It's rubbish," Mr Wakelin said.

'We need a change'



**PHOTO:** [Regina McKenzie is strongly opposed to the nuclear waste facility.](#) (ABC News: Tony Hill)

The Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association is one group taking legal action.

They are the traditional owners of land around Hawker.

Regina McKenzie said her people had been unfairly excluded from a community vote on the dump and claimed preparatory work at the site had desecrated a sacred women's area.



"I know they need a site, but not here. Don't impact our sites, don't impact our culture, don't impact us," Ms McKenzie said.

"I love my country and I don't want to see a waste dump on it."

A department of industry, innovation and science spokesman said six white mats were nailed into the ground during a site assessment at Hawker, and while this did not damage heritage, it did not meet the expectations of some members of the Adnyamathanha.



**PHOTO:** Malcolm 'Tiger' McKenzie and Angelina Stuart are members of the Adnyamathanha who support the waste facility proposed for Hawker. (ABC News: Tony Hill)

The issue is further complicated because some members of the Adnyamathanha support the facility, including Regina's brother, Malcolm McKenzie.

"I'm supporting this because our culture can co-exist with economic development," Mr McKenzie said.

Adnyamathanha woman Angela Stuart backed the facility because she wanted more opportunities for young Aboriginal people.

"We need a change. I'm sick of seeing young people drinking and wasting their lives away on alcohol and drugs," she said.

"There might be a chance out there even if one person gets a job."

The Native Title holders around Kimba, the Barngarla people, are taking legal action.

It is unclear when the Federal Court will hand down its judgement in that case.

**Watch the story on 7.30.**

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-03-28/will-australia-finally-get-a-national-nuclear-waste-facility/10903498>





## 56. Port Augusta Transcontinental



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### CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Nuclear waste campaigners are urging locals to keep pressing forward with their concerns amidst continued uncertainty surrounding a National Radioactive Waste Management Facility in the region.

The No Dump Alliance have met with councils, Grey Candidates, trade unions and traditional owners to raise their issues.

The government has said it will not impose a radioactive waste facility on an unwilling community, but has since been embroiled in a three year tussle with local groups culminating in a legal battle with the Barngarla people.

The Australian Conservation Foundation campaigner Dave Sweeney has encouraged local communities to stay strong.

"This is very much an effort to listen and to amplify," Mr Sweeney said.

"We want people who are in the region who are concerned and opposed to this to know that their concerns and opposition are known, valid and are shared nationally."

Port Augusta, along with other cities on the Eyre Peninsula, has recently been named by the federal government as a transport avenue for Australia's nuclear waste.

Friends of the Earth National Nuclear Campaigner has called for wider community consultation

"None of these port communities have been given a say in the process,

they have been completely ignored," he said.

"There needs to be better consultation and some meaningful input from people living in these affected areas, not just at the dump sites but along the transport corridors and the ports."





57. Daily Telegraph Australia

## Dedicated palliative care wing opens for Kimba residents

Erin Jones, Kimba, The Advertiser

April 10, 2019 12:19am

Subscriber only

The last few moments with a family member or friend is hard, but knowing they are comfortable, provides some solace.

This year, the residents of Kimba, situated at the top of the Eyre Peninsula, will be able to have those precious moments in absolute privacy in a new \$240,000 palliative care wing at the local hospital.

Equipped for palliative and acute patients, the two bedroom wing offers a family lounge, kitchenette and outside courtyard to make the final stages more comfortable.

“Mum would’ve loved it,” says Pat Beinke, adding: “It’s a very private time of life and this will make the stay there for family and friends a much better experience.”

Mrs Beinke lost her mother, Mytle Atkinson, aged 92, in April last year.

She was cared for in the hospital’s palliative care ward “on a common corridor” and with “noises of people bustling around. The hospital staff did a wonderful job, I can’t fault them,” Mrs Beinke says.

“But they were not set up for palliative care.

“Anyone could pop when mum was in there. There was no harm done but it just invades your privacy a little bit,” Mrs Beinke said.

The new wing was made possible through a \$240,000 Federal Government grant, as part of its ongoing search for a site for the national nuclear waste repository.

Kimba and Hawker are the two locations being considered, with the Government offering \$2 million worth of grants to offset the time and resources they have devoted to the process.

“Finding funding to do something like this was such a huge thing,” Mrs Beinke says.

“The upgrade had been on the agenda for a while.

“And because we’re an ageing population, I just think for family and friends it’s so important to be able to have a better experience in those last few days or weeks.”

<http://online.isentialink.com/dailytelegraph.com.au/2019/04/09/63f6d2f7-a479-4bc1-9da9-c0205561a925.html>



## 58. Eyre Peninsula Tribune



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## Election to stall nuclear decision

RESOURCES minister Matthew Canavan has officially confirmed the site selection process for the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility will continue after the federal election.

Mr Canavan was questioned by SA Senator Rex Patrick in Senate Estimates over whether the election would stall the process.

"There'll be nothing that takes place between now and the election," Mr Canavan said.

Mr Patrick said the response was "not surprising."

The site selection process has been in limbo for over six months now since the Barn-  
garla Determination Aboriginal Corporation (BDAC) sought an injunction against a proposed community ballot for the Kimba district.

The BDAC and the Kimba District Council went to court in late January, with the judge still yet to hand down a decision on the matter.

May 18 is now the expected date for the federal election after the government chose not to announce the date over the weekend.

— RACHEL McDONALD



**KIMBA:** The wait continues on the Radiactive Waste Facility selection process.



## 59.Eyre Peninsula Tribune



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## ANSTO hold open day to promote STEM

THE National Radioactive Waste Management Facility team hosted an open day at the Kimba office in conjunction with Australia's Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) earlier this month.

Three classes from the Kimba Area School from year 4 to year 8 visited the office for a variety of activities.

Younger children learnt about science by building atomic structures.

Students were also given the opportunity to take a look at the OPAL Nuclear Reactor through virtual reality (VR) technology.

The VR setup has been in the town for interested community members for a few months to provide information on the creation and use of nuclear medicine.

It will now be moved to the Hawker office as part of community engagement during the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility site selection process.

Older children were given a talk from the team about the way science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) careers would change during their lifetime.

ANSTO staff spoke to the students about how increased automation would change the workforce during their lifetime, changing the types of jobs available to them and the skills required of members of society.

The activities were part of ANSTO classes held around the country.

The office was open to

general members of the public all day, with about 50 people visiting to take a look at the VR displays and enjoy a barbecue put on by the Kimba Men's Shed.

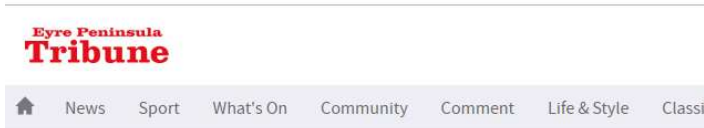
— RACHEL MCDONALD



**EXPLORE:** Dylan Francis and Cooper Haywood take a look at the OPAL Reactor through VR technology.



## 60. Eyre Peninsula Tribune



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## Letters to the editor



### Dump decisions

The radioactive waste dump near Kimba is currently on hold waiting for the courts to decide whether the Barngarla people have a right to vote.

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The rule changing on the run makes the current situation a disgrace.

Financial inducements and the right to vote have been restricted to small vulnerable council areas and do not reflect equal or fair distribution to all of the individuals affected by the radioactive waste dump sites.

The legislation requires broad based community consent.

Established legislation has been twisted to suit getting a waste dump somewhere.

The promised community payments of \$44 million cannot be paid until the current law is changed.

At present the community funds are only to be used within the Kimba district council area.

If you live outside of Kimba or Hawker the upcoming federal election is the only vote you have to say no.

The personal connection of Kimba being nominated for a waste dump and ongoing political maneuvering by the current member for Grey cannot be overlooked.

There are far better options for radioactive waste in Australia and a vote for the current member could mean a radioactive waste dump is put on very good farming land in the centre of Eyre peninsula and this toxic waste is likely to be brought through your local town or port.

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## Battle lines drawn in radioactive debate

BY AMY GREEN

RADIOACTIVE waste plans have been a topic of contention in Grey for three years so it's no surprise federal candidates were asked to clarify their views.

Battle lines have been drawn as current Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey continues his support to locate a National Radioactive Waste Management Facility at sites in the Flinders Ranges.

"Federal governments have been trying to solve this issue for 40 years," Mr Ramsey said.

"You are going to get the same result no matter where you go.

"This process has been open and transparent. Kimba and Hawker are the two best informed communities in Australia on this issue."

The site selection process has been in limbo for over six months since the Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation (BDAC) sought an injunction against a proposed community ballot for the Kimba district.

Centre Alliance candidate Andrea Broadfoot rejected plans for the facility to

be placed at either of the current proposed sites, a decision welcomed by the Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association.

"It is Australia's responsibility to take care of its own waste," Ms Broadfoot said.

"We are calling for there to be broad community support ... but we haven't seen a definition of broad commu-

nity support.

"Barndioota and Kimba are not the places and we need to go back to the drawing board."

Candidate for Labor Karin Bolton and candidate for United Australia Party Alexander Warren echoed Ms Broadfoot's sentiments.

Australia's radioactive waste is currently stored at a purpose-built 'Interim Waste Store' at Lucas Heights in new South Wales and has been since 2015.

Nuclear Free Campaigner Dave Sweeney rejected claims by Mr Ramsey that the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) will no longer licence this facility unless there are plans to re-locate the waste by 2022.

"ARPANSA have licensed

this facility through to 2055, it requires periodic updates about the status of the government project, but its license is in no way in doubt and for Rowan Ramsey to suggest, state or imply that it is, is incorrect," Mr Sweeney said.

"His motivation is his to clarify but that statement is incorrect and where it becomes a problem in the current situation is that it could further the pressure on people over saying yes or no to a national radioactive waste dump.

"The really important

thing here from the view of the Australian Conservation Foundation is that nuclear medicine in Australia is se-

cure with or without the proposed government facility.

"To create a situation where the person who is elected to represent the one electorate in Australia that is facing this challenge and this issue is putting out information which is demonstrably incorrect."

The selection process for the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility will continue after the May 18 federal election.



## 62. Eyre Peninsula Tribune



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## 63. Port Lincoln Times



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### DUMP DECISIONS AFFECT REGION

The radioactive waste dump near Kimba is currently on hold waiting for the courts to decide whether the Barngarla people have a right to vote.

This whole process has caused a lot of anguish in the electorate of Grey after being off and then on again.

The rule changing on the run makes the current situation a disgrace.

Financial inducements and the right to vote have been restricted to small vulnerable council areas and do not reflect equal or fair distribution to all of the individuals affected by the radioactive waste dump sites.

The legislation requires broad based community consent.

Established legislation has been twisted to suit getting a waste dump somewhere.

The promised community payments of \$44 million cannot be paid until the current law is changed.

At present the community funds are only to be used within the Kimba district council area.

If you live outside of Kimba or Hawker the upcoming federal election is the only vote you have to say no.

The personal connection of Kimba being nominated for a waste dump and ongoing political maneuvering by the current member for Grey cannot be overlooked.

There are far better options for radioactive waste in Australia and a vote for the current member could mean a radioactive waste dump is put on very good farming land in the centre of Eyre peninsula and this toxic waste is likely to be brought through your local town or port.

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