

## Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission Submission to the Tentative Findings

### **Response to Finding 110 – under Social and Community Consent**

Finding 110 has specifically identified the impact on the Aboriginal community engagement process with respect to the 1950's atomic weapons tests at Maralinga. I would like to submit that there is now very strong documented evidence in the media and even on record of the recent Whyalla public meeting of this royal commission, attended by Commissioner Scarce, that there has also been a very traumatic and divisive impact on the Kimba community as a result of the federal government's engagement process regarding the establishment of a low level waste repository in the Kimba area.

At the recent Whyalla public meeting of this commission I heard first hand from two residents who gave feedback to the meeting, about the trauma they and other the citizens of Kimba and nearby residents and farmers have been experiencing as a result of the very *divisive community meetings and local discussions* held there.

I was also pleased to hear first-hand, at that recent Whyalla public meeting, Commissioner Scarce say that he may well need to look at the evidence of how the Kimba engagement process has played out, for the final report of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission.

I submit therefore that the final findings of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission should address this impact as well as the further impact on Aboriginal communities in both the Kimba and Hawker areas regarding the community engagement process of the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

In view of the reported trauma experienced as a result of the Kimba federal engagement process discussed above, I also submit that the commission in its final findings give some more detailed guidelines to the SA government regarding an appropriate measurement of community support for a high level waste dump to be established.

I submit that unanimity is required across the impacted community and other relevant stakeholders. (ref Finding 105)

### **Response to Finding 155: Impacts on other Sectors**

I also feel that the recent Kimba engagement process, I have discussed in my response to Finding 110 above, is also relevant to Finding 155, as some of the evidence given at the Whyalla meeting I attended and in the media, particularly on local ABC radio regarding the Kimba engagement, identifies impacts on the local agricultural sector as many farmers and land owners are concerned that having even a low level dump in the region will impact upon their farming business and real estate prices.

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