# Australia's National Radioactive Waste Management Project

September 2017

### **Session Outline**

Project Overview and Purpose

**Community Consultation** 

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## **Project Overview and Purpose**

- The Australian Government is undertaking a staged process to identify and secure a site for a national facility to dispose of Australia's low level waste (LLW) and temporarily store intermediate level waste (ILW).
- ➤ The process being followed places a strong emphasis on voluntary land nominations and community consent. 100 Hectares being sought.
- Australia's radioactive waste is currently stored in more than 100 locations across the country. Most new waste is produced as a result of nuclear medicine production.
- One in two Australians will need access to nuclear medicine in their lifetime.

## **Site Operation**

Only low and intermediate level radioactive solid waste generated by Australia will be accepted at the site.

Legacy waste (5000m<sup>3</sup>)

 Combination of Low Level and Intermediate Level waste

#### Low level

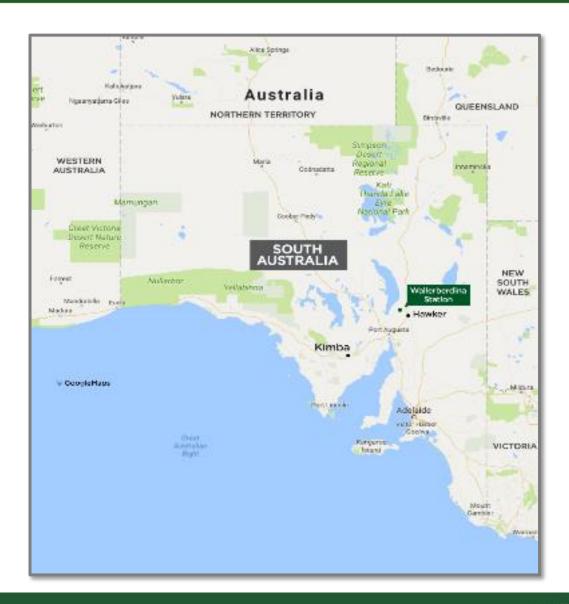
waste (40m³) Small number of movements per year

#### Intermediate level

waste (5m³) Small number of movements per year

- > Facility will not be used to store or dispose high level waste.
- No foreign generated waste will be accepted at the facility.

## Where are the nominated sites



#### **Nominated Sites**

#### **April 2016**

 The then Minister determined there was sufficient support to progress
 Wallerberdina Station, South Australia to the Technical Site Assessment stage (Phase 2).

#### **June 2017**

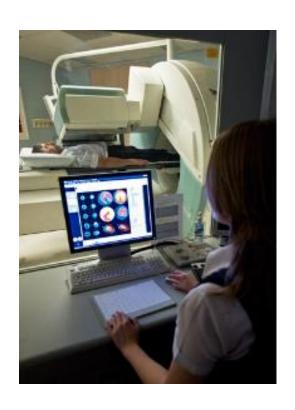
 On 27 June 2017 the then Minister announced that the two Kimba sites will proceed to Phase 2.

Phase 2 requires further technical studies and further community engagement before a final decision is made about the suitability of either of the sites.

## Phase 2 – Kimba, SA

#### **Current Actions**

- Opened a new Project Office at Kimba on Thursday 24 Aug 17
- Recruited a Community Liaison Officer on Monday 28 Aug (Maree)
- Seeking Government approval for a \$2m Community Benefit
   Package to fund local projects in FY 2017-18.
- Commence the recruiting of the Kimba Consultative Committee.
- Start getting the site characterisation work initiated.
- Stall at Kimba Show on 22 Sep 17. Stall at Quorn Show on 23 Sep 17.
- The lessons learnt at Hawker are being applied at Kimba.
- Community engagement and support is critical to our Project.







# **Community Consultation**

# A shift from announce and defend

Inform

• To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives and/or solutions.

Consult

To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.

Involve

• To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public issues and concerns are consistently understood and considered.

Collaborate

• To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision, including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.

**Empower** 

To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.

# **Building Trust**



# Consistency









Factual



Approachable

Available

Competent

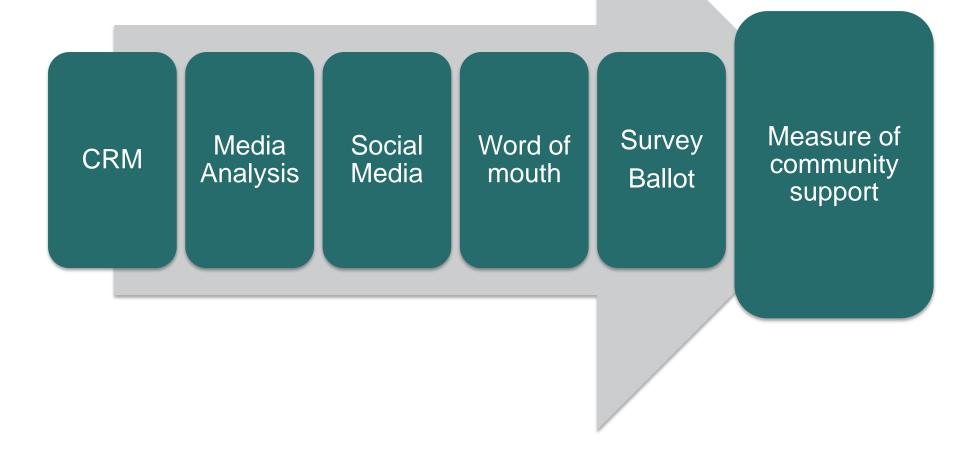




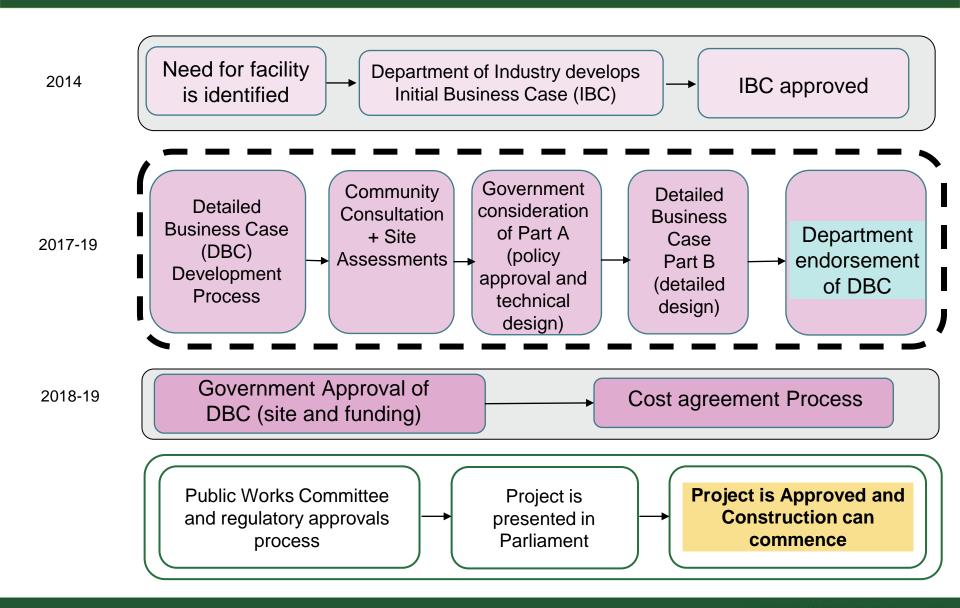
# Types of communication

Large meetings Face-to-face meetings Permanent Office and hotline Visual material and models Website and social media **Experts Proactive Media** 

# Measuring performance in current phase



## **Next Steps**



# Questions?

# Thank you for your attention

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