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The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister *Malcolm*

I write regarding two matters related to the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

I understand that there are three nominated sites in South Australia currently under consideration; two situated near Kimba and one near Hawker.

First, I am seeking an update in relation to the assessment and engagement process undertaken to date, and an understanding of what the next stages will involve.

Second, I recently met with Traditional Owners of the Adnyamathanha community, who expressed deep concern about the proposed site at Hawker, and the potential impacts on Adnyamathanha Cultural Heritage.

In 2015, a Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission recommended South Australia consider pursuing the storage and disposal of international nuclear waste. The report also stated that broad social consent was required to successfully deliver such a facility.

In response, the South Australian government undertook a comprehensive community engagement process, which included discussions with more than 50,000 South Australians. A targeted Aboriginal engagement program was also designed with the assistance of Aboriginal leaders, which involved visits to 31 Aboriginal communities.

This engagement process was insightful and highlighted the need for a bigger conversation about how Aboriginal people want to be seen, valued and recognised, and on 'unfinished business' from the past. In particular, Aboriginal people's history with the nuclear industry demonstrates a need for significant healing.

In recognition, the South Australian government committed to provide a local Aboriginal community with a final right of veto over any future facility proposed on their lands.

I recommend that the Commonwealth Government now consider adopting a similar policy position as part the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility process.

I would be happy to discuss this with you in greater detail.

Yours sincerely



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