

I am comfortable and satisfied with the prospect of Kimba hosting a site for the proposed nuclear waste facility. After attending the many public meetings and information sessions and also visiting the Lucas Heights nuclear reactor sight I am completely satisfied that the waste repository poses no threats to our or any other community.

The compensation offered to the landholders in my opinion is fair. They will not prosper from this modest acquisition. Rather, for all the scrutiny that they have endured for offering their land for the benefit the local community and Australia as a whole, I believe that compensation is appropriate and, if anything, they deserve more.

It is a fact at present that there is broad community support for the proposed nuclear facility to go ahead in Kimba. There has been one vote by the Kimba community thus far to proceed with the facility resulting in 57% in favour, of the 80% that voted. In any voting terms that is a healthy majority. Suffice to add that since that particular vote, we have had the opportunity for a great deal more information, with guest speakers and a local shop presence in the town. I am confident a large number of the community are now more informed about the project and more comfortable with it as a result.

The community benefit programme that is available to Kimba means all members of our community, will see many improvements in the near future. That is available, to the whole community, to recognise the service we provided by participating. We do not need to accept the facility or anything else in future as a result of this programme. It is the same recognition as offered to the community in Hawker/Bandioota, and it was part of the process long before our community vote. For Kimba to now receive these benefits is simply

fair and right. The Kimba consultative committee have many submissions and are presently prioritising them.

The whole process from the very first public meeting called by the member for Grey, Rowan Ramsey on the 29th Of April 2015, to the present has been extremely transparent and completely informative. I have never known so much information to be available and presented on any topic, proposal or development. If any individual has wanted to be engaged on any level, the Department and ANSTO have been more than obliging in supplying all relevant information. An office with a full time employee in the main street of Kimba was opened by National Radioactive Waste Facility on August 24 2017 for the community and others to avail themselves of more or any information regarding this proposal. As a result many members of our community have become highly informed about the science and many aspects of the waste and the proposed facility. Most importantly though, all members of our community have had that opportunity, and still have that opportunity.

I am a strong advocate in believing that only the District Council area should be able to vote on the establishment of a national radioactive waste facility at Kimba. This 100 ha facility will not impact on any other area. Seeking a wider view, including towns, regions and populations outside our Council area would not reflect the views of those directly affected. It would just make those of us in the actual local community less important in the process and that is unjust. Moreover, rest of the State, for example, has not had the benefit of the information and access to experts that has been available to the Kimba community. That's the whole point of this process after all, to see if a local community will support the

proposal. The whole State, for example, would possibly not make an informed decision, as they will be less interested, less affected, and less informed than we are in our region.

I believe that this an opportunity for Kimba and its community to grow and prosper. It could deliver the injection to save a shrinking rural community and town and its residents. More jobs, people, services, et cetera. The list goes on. Others in the Kimba community may feel differently, but that's a conversation for us in the community, and we will all get a say.

Finally, a lot of good people have worked so positively and hard to advance the nominations for Kimba. The Department asked for volunteered sites, and these people joined the process in good faith. I don't believe influences from outside our community need or have the right to change the process. We may decide not to have this facility, however that should be our decision.

I give my permission for my submission to be published on the net. I can be contacted on the above details.