<u>Name of Inquiry:</u> Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Intermediate Level Solid Waste Storage Facility Lucas Heights, NSW

\*ANSTO's onsite nuclear expertise, security resources and capacity for decades of extended storage at Lucas Heights make it the best place to store federal Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste (ILW) until a best practice underground site becomes available. There is no point in the risky transfer of Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste from secure storage at Lucas Heights to temporary storage elsewhere.

The proposed NRWMF (National Radioactive Waste Management Facility) Store for ANSTO Nuclear Fuel Waste represents imposition on an unwilling State community, with clear Traditional Owner opposition and a divided farming community already adversely and unfairly impacted by this federal nuclear waste dump project.

\*Proposed indefinite above ground storage of Nuclear Fuel Waste & ILW in SA is not responsible waste management and is not a waste disposal pathway, is contrary to International Best Practice and to ARPANSA Committee Advice, and requires double handling and later transport to an eventual disposal site;