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Sorry I missed this as I was out for the a time this morning

Yes let's talk today

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Hi Js 22 - sorry for not getting back to you earlier on this issue. I have left a message with s 22 to say that Mike and I will arrive early for this afternoon's meeting and talk more about the option at that time. Suffice to say, Defence has had a long-standing opposition to the establishment of an ILW Storage Facility at Woomera and still does not agree with the proposal. I have attached the advice that I had drafted for inclusion in the Defence section of the Government submission to the SANFCRC on the matter. I believe that these comments were incorporated with only minor change.

Siting of a Radioactive Waste Storage Facility within the WPA

The siting of a Radioactive Waste Storage Facility (RWSF) within the Woomera Prohibited Area (WPA) would be incompatible with the operation of the Woomera Test Range (WTR). Given the permanent nature of the RWSF, the expected impracticability of evacuating all its staff during routine Defence testing or training activities at the WTR would be a constant source of conflict for both parties. Furthermore, because the WPA represents the reasonable bounds of the impact area for missile launches from Evetts Field (within the WTR), the permanent siting of a RWSF westwards/downrange of the launch site would present an intolerable risk of damage as a result of a strike from a malfunctioning missile. Given the significant impacts on Defence capability requirements and the propensity for environmental damage as a result of missile impact, Defence does not support the establishment of a RWSF within the WPA.

Siting of a Radioactive Waste Storage Facility outside the WPA

Defence has a significant holding of radioactive waste awaiting disposal, for which it is legally bound to arrange final disposal under the terms of the ARPANS Act. It is therefore our policy to support the Government's initiatives in developing a National Radioactive Waste Management Facility in a suitable location. The siting of a RWSF outside the WPA would have no compatibility impact on WTR activities and is therefore actively supported. Defence is already assisting the Dept of Industry, ARPANSA and ANSTO, as a member of the Radioactive Waste Management Inter-Departmental Committee, to drive the development of the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

See you at 1230.

Regards,

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