



9th December, 2016

Director General
Department of Industry
Innovation and Science
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Attached please find Department of Mines and Petroleum Tengraph plan detailing the boundaries of Exploration Licence 37/1255 which is partly within Melita Pastoral Lease 3114/1121 and Clover Downs Pastoral Lease 3114/717. The mining tenement has been applied for by a Glenn William Baker on behalf of the Shire of Leonora.

For the past ten (10) years, the Shire of Leonora has been searching and investigating areas of land which could be considered suitable for the management, storage and disposal of nuclear and radioactive waste.

The criteria required for a Nuclear Waste Disposal Site include and is not limited to:

- large enough area for the storage and possible future expansion of the facility, and to allow for drilling or tunneling to a required depth of up to 5 kilometres;
- accessible well-constructed roads or railway to site to allow safe passage of heavy vehicles transporting radioactive material and equipment
- route to site not passing through sensitive or potentially unsafe areas;
- isolated, away from communities
- land not required for other uses in the future such as mineral deposits or water aquifers;
- no native title issues
- no environmental issues such as, endangered flora or fauna species
- geologically stable with no seismicity's; and
- not located on or near major faults or shears.

The land within the Licence satisfies all criteria.

The Department of Lands does not have any objections to the principle of creating a reserve for the purpose required, however creation of tenure would be the last step in the process.

The Department of Lands has further advised that they would not be in a position to grant any tenure until all other necessary approvals have been provided, including but not limited to:

- Environmental Protection Authority
- Department of Mines and Petroleum
- Any Native Title Holders
- Department of Planning
- Pastoral Lease Holders

The grant of any tenure for the purpose required would also be subject to the favourable outcome of a Future Act process under the Native Title Act 1993. Other forms of tenure in favour of the Shire of Leonora (i.e. leasehold or freehold) will be further investigated, however, this should not be considered at this early stage and will need to be discussed sometime in the future if various approvals are forthcoming.

In regard the principle of creating the reserve for purpose required, is it likely that your department would view the proposal favourably.

The Department of Planning in Western Australia has advised that your agency should be involved in this process being the responsible authority for the establishment of such sites.

Yours response in due course would be appreciated please.

Yours faithfully,



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