

From: Ian Carpenter
Sent: Friday, 9 February 2018
Subject: Nuclear repository submission

I wish to make comments on the inquiry re the proposed nuclear repository in SA, in Hawker area more specifically.

As a long term resident of Hawker and having had two tourism businesses in Hawker, I am glad that the opportunity has arisen for Hawker to be considered as a location for a national repository.

Re the land acquisition process. I am happy that this was well advertised and that the financial compensation for the area of land required is nominal and can't be seen as an incentive for any landowner to offer part of their property.

I really can't see why an Inquiry has been instigated as initially the community supported the idea and this was reflected in a ballot. Some of the local aboriginal people, the Adnymathanha, have voiced their opinions against it, but others have stated that they are in favour of it. Broad community support was established and heritage assessments, geological reports and cultural beliefs are all being taken into consideration.

The community benefit program has been embraced by people both for and against the repository as it has been seen as an opportunity to acquire financial assistance to enhance the services/businesses and employment opportunities in our area. I don't believe people are 'shallow enough' to let this program influence their thoughts on the repository.

State or Australia wide community views should not be considered as the location of the repository will have no affect on their wellbeing, businesses or lifestyle.

We currently have a nuclear reactor operating at Lucas Heights and this has not deterred people from living and working there. In fact it has proven a tourist and financial attraction to them. There are uranium mines operating in SA. One of these, Beverly, is in our area and an in-situ leaching method is being used for extraction, which involves the injection of sulphuric acid and hydrogen peroxide, which is trucked in, and then the concentrate is trucked to Port Adelaide for shipping. There are no objections to this mining operation, so I cannot see any negatives in having a world best practise waste repository established here. The proposed site is remote to our town, is not visible from any recognised roads and will offer employment both onsite and for Hawker and Quorn businesses.

I trust that common sense will prevail and people who are currently vocal against the proposal seek more information, which is freely and widely available, to give them a better understanding on the benefits and safety measures in place.

The benefits for our towns and surrounding areas are obvious and far outweigh the negative suggestions being mooted by some people. This repository would ensure our towns survival and it is my understanding that such a repository will not affect the application for a World Heritage Listing in our area.

I am happy for my submission to go on the Internet or be published.

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What are some important facts about World Heritage in the Flinders Ranges?

Through some early conversations with key stakeholders over the last few months, some important questions have been raised about a World Heritage proposition in the Flinders Ranges. Here, we can clarify some of these and look forward to discussing and exploring them further with the community as the nomination process continues.

1. A World Heritage property in the Flinders Ranges would not be an all-encompassing 'blanket' across the region. It would be a series of discrete sites ('serial sites') that best represent the region's outstanding geology and fossil values being pursued for nomination.
2. A serial site would only be included in the World Heritage nomination if the landowners wanted it.
3. Community involvement is a critical component throughout the World Heritage nomination process – particularly in shaping and realising opportunities World Heritage Listing can bring to the Flinders Ranges and broader region.
4. A World Heritage property in the Flinders Ranges would be an opportunity to celebrate the region's outstanding geology and fossil values, and to share them with all present and future generations as part of the Flinders Ranges story that is rich with cultural, environmental and social values and connections.
5. Achieving World Heritage status requires that a property is aligned with very specific criteria, and demonstration with strong evidence and comparative analysis that the values being nominated are absolutely unique/not replicated anywhere else in the world. Pursuing World Heritage status in line with these specific criteria in no way diminishes the plethora of wonderful cultural, environmental and social assets of the Flinders Ranges – it will provide an opportunity to celebrate and share them on a global scale.
6. A common myth is that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and/or the Federal Government control World Heritage properties. This is not correct – control remains with the landowners and the community.
7. The potential location of the proposed National Radioactive Waste Management Facility at Wallerberdina Station near Hawker would have no impact on the World Heritage proposal for the Flinders Ranges (given the nature of the values for which we are pursuing a nomination (geology and fossils) and the distance of the areas of interest from the location of the potential waste facility).
8. A World Heritage property in the Flinders Ranges would be managed to complement existing land uses such as pastoralism and tourism.

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