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I wish to add to my first submission, the following points.

* In his Second Reading Speech on the 2012 NRWAM Act to the House of Representatives the Member for Grey stated that he wanted the “best”, “suitable” site for the NRWAM. I would agree wholeheartedly with this aim but I strongly disagree that a farm in a productive agricultural area is the “best” or most suitable place. Napandee, in the KIMBA District is not that place.

* As I argued in my previous submission, why move the ILW for “Temporary” Storage for an unknown period of time when it remain at Lucas Heights where the greatest expertise is, until the most suitable site is found. The ILW, I have read is 10% of the volume of our present Waste, but 90% of the radioactivity.

* I understand that at least one other site which is much more suitable geologically and seismologically has been offered. This site near Leonora, after Departmental encouragement, was nominated in 2017 but in 2018 were told that the already chosen sites at KIMBA and Hawker had progressed too far for Leonora site to be considered. Surely the more dangerous ILW MUST go to the BEST and SAFEST SITE permanent site when this is identified, not for convenience!

* The whole selection process under the 2012 Act has been flawed, and I ask that the proposed Amendments do not add further to this flawed and unfair process.

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