

**Media Statement**  
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## **Scrapped radioactive waste sites supporting Flinders community campaign.**

Since November 13, six communities across Australia have been waking with a nuclear cloud overhead, after individual landholders in their region nominated sites to host the national radioactive waste facility.

This morning Minister Josh Frydenberg announced that only one area would be further pursued: Barndioota, in the iconic Flinders Ranges in South Australia.

Though relieved their regions have now being scrapped from the list, representatives from each of the other five sites have all reiterated support to their counterparts in the Flinders.

Statements from each of the communities and contacts for the relevant spokespeople are below.

### **BARNDIOOTA, Flinders Ranges, SA**

This morning we awoke to a sickening announcement from the Federal government of its intention to continue burdening our lands and our peoples with this toxic nuclear industry. Our lives are as caretakers of the land, as neighbours to other leaseholders, as friends and family to the people who love this region. Once more our communities are split, and our well-being is jeopardised by relentless money makers who can't think past their own personal or business gains.

Successive Australian governments continue to operate under world's worst practice in managing toxic nuclear waste, and sadly the Australian public is tested once more for its resilience. Regrets from past Ministers and swapping sides on environmental issues haunt all sides of government, but Traditional Owners remain vigilant.

The onslaught from industry and government is blatant in its colonialism, but the Traditional Owners, the Adnyamathanha men women and children of this region who love their country will not be silent or be silenced.

We thank those who have and continue to support us. Together we are strong.

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### **OMAN AMA, Qld**

The Friends of Omanama stand shoulder to shoulder with our friends and colleagues in the community of Barndioota. This has been an appalling process and we are saddened that they will continue to suffer from its shortcomings.

We will be meeting next week to discuss how we can best provide moral and practical support to them in the next phase of this campaign.

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## **HILL END, NSW**

The radioactive waste management process has been flawed from the start. From day one ordinary people have had their lives turned upside down. It's hard to be excited to have been removed from off the list because we know our fellow proposed site of 'Barndioota Station' in Flinders Ranges and friends we have made there through this process have woken to the most devastating news this morning. Their site to them is as precious as Hill End is to us. We will continue to support them as best we can. It's important to note that all sites have supported each other through this process.

What we have learnt? That the Government doesn't care about ordinary Australians who elect them and vote for them.

It's not appropriate to hear about being a proposed site on the radio on the morning of 13 Nov 2015 and it's not appropriate again to hear about our removal from off the list again via media this morning. It shows our fellow elected constituent John Cobb lacks the fortitude to treat his electorate with the respect we deserve.

I'd like to thank our community for giving us their support, especially all the councils within the Central West. The Government has made it difficult to define what is a community but to know that your community is with you in good times and bad is what has made this achievable.

When we have had no alternative to fight as hard as we have, our friends have been what has gotten us through this. Community means everything they couldn't break us and it goes to show that people power is all we have when our backs are to the wall.

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## **KIMBA (Pinkawillinie and Cortlinye) , SA**

The No Radioactive Waste on Agricultural Land in Kimba or SA committee together with our members are extremely happy with today's announcement removing Kimba from the final shortlist to host the nations radioactive waste.

We are pleased the government has acknowledged that there is not broad community support in our district. Eyre Peninsula is an export reliant region, and the decision this government has made to remove Kimba through from the next stage of this process ensures we will maintain our clean green reputation.

However we are disappointed and concerned that the nominated site at Barndioota has been selected for the final shortlist and we will continue to support their opposition wherever we can. This process has been flawed from the beginning and all sites were hopeful that Minister Frydenberg would acknowledge this and seek an alternative solution. Our hearts go out to our friends at the shortlisted site- we understand the uncertainty they are now facing.

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## HALE, NT

The LeRossignol and Kenny families would like to thank the wonderful people who helped us find our voice and supported us through this process and the Traditional Owners (our family) from Santa Teresa and Tjitjikala for the strong and united stand against this proposal.

We are thankful that all our collective hard work paid off and the Hale site is off the list. But we can't forget that there is still one of the six sites under threat. My family acknowledge our connection and relationship with Regina McKenzie and the Adnyamathanha mob. They don't stand alone.

Our hearts ache that they still have to fight this. We stand with them and will offer whatever support we can. We stand in solidarity.

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*Representatives from the six nominated nuclear waste sites at Parliament House in February 2016.*