

A high-level nuclear waste dump for SA

The big questions

**The decision to import high level nuclear waste is a forever decision.
Once we make it, there is no going back.
So, we are not just making the decision for ourselves, but
for thousands of generations of future South Australians.**

Is this the best we can do?

What message are we sending the world if we say: 'the best that SA can do is take the worst that you've got'. Is our destiny to be the end point of a dirty chain - the last carriage at the end of the line?

Or should we be looking for economic opportunities that make our state cleaner, safer and deliver more jobs and opportunities for our children?

Surely if we have a choice, our collective vision for our state is not to be the dumping ground for some of the world's most toxic substances. South Australia has a tremendous history of innovation and a great reputation for clean and green food, wine and tourism.

Surely we can do better.

Why Finland?

The Royal Commission has based much of their report on what is happening in Finland. But:

- ▲ The Finnish facility will only take its own domestic waste - it will not accept waste from other countries.
- ▲ Finland has not even finished building their facility, let alone proven they can safely operate it.
- ▲ The Finnish facility will only take 6,500 tonnes of waste. The SA proposal at 138,000 tonnes is 20 times larger.
- ▲ Finland has taken 30 years of community consultation and development so far. In South Australia we've barely started.
- ▲ The Finnish waste will go straight from nearby cooling ponds to underground. Importing waste to Australia will involve thousands of kilometres of travel over sea and land, and decades of stockpiling of waste above ground.

If it is such a money-spinner, why aren't other countries rushing to do this?

Either it won't be an economic bonanza, or the job of storing this waste is a hell of a lot harder than we've been told. Otherwise, why aren't other countries putting up their hand to do this? Something just doesn't add up.

Don't we all have to agree to this?

Absolutely! This decision will affect every single South Australian. Our international reputation - our story of who we are - will change forever.

In particular, the Traditional Owners of any likely dump site or transport route anywhere in our state our state must be given the opportunity, and the necessary time and space, to say yes or no.