



# **Public Consultation and Engagement**

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# 1. What did we set out to do?



## Guiding principles:

- About the future of South Australia
- Community led
- Evidence based
- Better together
- Rigorous process



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## Early response:

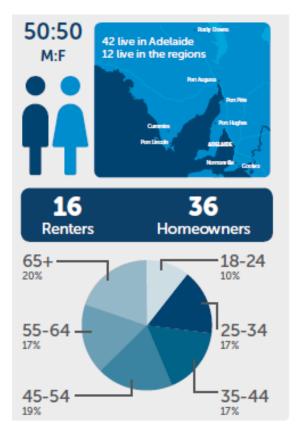
- Advisory Board
- Consultation and Response Agency
- Proposed bi-partisan approach
- Opened up the conversation online



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# 2. How did we do it? The engagement program

### Stage 1 Citizens Jury



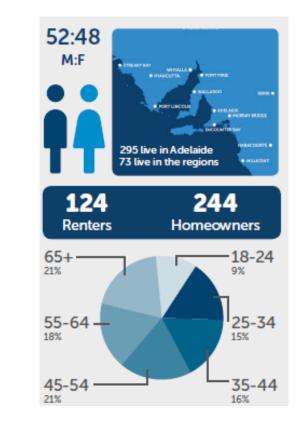
### Stage 2 Statewide Consultation



### Stage 3 Citizens Jury

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**Discover**. Discuss. Decide



# Information and feedback channels



The avenues through which South Australians could provide feedback included:

- Structured input (responses to set questions):
- feedback forms
- online survey
- conversation kit
- telephone survey

Unstructured input (responses of people's choice)

- focus groups
- letters
- emails
- telephone calls
- online discussion boards
- social media (Facebook, Twitter and YouTube).

The opportunities for South Australians to learn about the issues included:

- information days delivered by engagement specialists and technical experts
- a free-call community hotline
- a website, www.nuclear.sa.gov.au, which included a conversation kit
- online discussion boards
- information packs
- social media
- briefings, presentations and forums.

# Engaging with South Australia Development and Design

- Values Based co-design
- International Association of Public Participation (IAP2)
- Co Design Process
  - Developed by experts in house
  - Identified Key Stakeholder groups
  - Working with Aboriginal leaders
  - Feedback from Key Stakeholder groups on draft
  - Identification of locations to engage

## • Pre-Engagement

- Aboriginal leaders feedback
- Pre-Engagement meetings and feedback
- Further Direction from Regional and Remote stakeholders



# **Our Approach**



- Best practice consultation and engagement
- Respectful conversations
- Safe engagement environment
- Specialised engagement staff and technical experts

# **Our Role**

- Build awareness
- Inform participants
- Seek feedback



# **State-wide Consultation**





- 135 events across SA
- 13 Week program
- Three teams
  - Engagement specialists
  - Technical Specialist
- 11am to 7pm
- 65, 886 km's travelled
- 17,008 one to one conversations

# **Aboriginal Engagement**





- 31 Locations across SA
- 13 Week program
- Specialised experienced team
  - Engagement specialists
  - Relied heavily on relationships
  - Technical Specialist, ANSTO & CSIRO & EPA
  - Co Designed
  - Invited into communities
  - Pre briefed elders
  - Flexible in approach and delivery
  - Diverse feedback methodology





# **Key themes**



### State-wide:

- 1. Safety
- 2. Community consent
- 3. Trust, accountability & transparency
- 4. Economic benefits & risk

### Aboriginal:

- 1. Safety
- 2. Cultural implications
- 3. Nuclear history
- 4. Trust in Government

# WHAT WORKED



- Independent research company to collate all material
- Engaging the anti groups demonstrated neutrality
- Consistent approach to engagement listen & inform
- Respectful against adversity
- Staff & team with strong values, commitment and professionalism
- Single focus and strong collaboration, from Policy, Marketing & Engagement

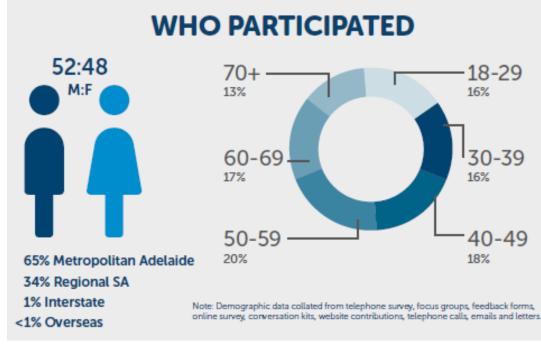
## **LESSONS LEARNT**



- Time frames to plan and then deliver
- Longer term approach to inform and discuss
- Communications and information is critical to messaging and informing to a broad public
- Complex technical issue's require time and consideration in public judgements
- Engagement techniques need to match the complexity of the material at the right time
- Management of expectations around decision making and accountability

# 3. What was the outcome?





### HOW YOU CHOSE TO PARTICIPATE

17 008 face-to-face contacts	f 14 874 Facebook comments and posts	<b>14 267</b> Twitter posts	6 018 telephone surveys
3 946 website comments	2 587 online surveys	1994 feedback forms	459 Letters (including one petition)
365 telephone calls	324 emails	64 conversation kits	60 focus groups

# 3. What was the outcome?





# Government response to recommendations



### **URANIUM MINING**

- SUPPORT: Simplify state and federal mining approval requirements for radioactive ores to deliver single assessment and approvals process
- SUPPORT: Enhance integration and public availability of pre-competitive geophysicl date in South Australia
- SUPPORT: Further geophysical surveys in priority areas
- SUPPORT: Commit to increased Government investment for greenfields exploration
- SUPPORT: Ensure full decommissioning and remediation costs of radioactive ore mining projects are secured from miners in advance through financial guarantees

# Government response to recommendations



### **NUCLEAR ENERGY**

- DO NOTE SUPPORT: Remove existing state and pursue removal of federal prohibitions of further processing of nuclear materials
- DO NOT SUPPORT: Pursue removal of federal prohibition of nuclear power generation
- SUPPORT: Promote development of national energy policy enabling all technologies to contribute to low carbon electricity network at lowest possible system cost
- SUPPORT: collaborate with Australian Government to commission monitoring and reporting on commercialisation of new nuclear reactor designs

# Government response to recommendations



### WASTE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

• SUPPORT CONTINUED INVESTIGATION: Pursue opportunity to establish nuclear fuel and intermediate waste storage and disposal facilities in South Australia

"the government has also concluded that the only path forward is the restoration if bipartisanship and broad social consent secured through a statewide referendum"

• DO NOT SUPPORT: Remove legislative prohibition in section 13 of *Nuclear Waste Storage Facility (Prohibition) Act* on further government support further analysis of construction or operation of nuclear waste storage facilities

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