



Commonwealth of Australia

National Radioactive Waste Management Act 2012

Notice under section 10 of the *National Radioactive Waste Management Act 2012*

NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED DECLARATION

The Australian Government is committed to ensuring Australia has an appropriate facility for the management of radioactive waste created within Australia.

The Government's approach to securing a site is consistent with leading practice for the management of low level and intermediate level radioactive waste. The Government's approach requires:

- A volunteer process that brings forward multiple site options for consideration;
- Evidenced and undisputed consent from landowners of potential sites; and
- Rigorous regulatory approval processes for potential sites.

I, IAN MACFARLANE, Minister for Industry, give notice that I propose to make a declaration under section 6 of the *National Radioactive Waste Management Act 2012*, to open a nationwide volunteer process for nominating land as a potential site for a facility.

The *National Radioactive Waste Management Act 2012* specifically introduced the nationwide volunteer process as a means of finding a site for a radioactive waste management facility. Prior to this only land in the Northern Territory could be considered.

A declaration under section 6 of the Act would end the volunteer process in section 5 of the Act, which is confined to Aboriginal Land Councils in the Northern Territory.

If a declaration under section 6 is in effect, a person or persons may, in accordance with section 7 of the Act, nominate land in a State, the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory as a potential site for a radioactive waste management facility.

This notice is made in accordance with subsection 10(1)(b) of the *National Radioactive Waste Management Act 2012*.

Comments

I invite written comments on the proposed declaration.

Comments relevant to this declaration must be received no later than **10 November 2014**.

Written comments should be submitted through the Department's Consultation Hub at <https://consult.industry.gov.au/>

Or addressed to:

The Manager
Radioactive Waste Management Section

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