

DECISION ON ASSESSMENT APPROACH

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT 1999

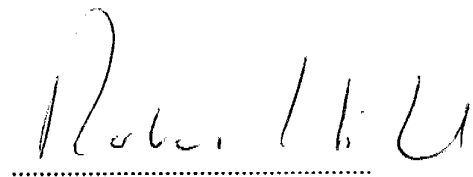
**PROPOSED NATIONAL LOW LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE REPOSITORY - DEPARTMENT
OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES - (EPBC 2001/151)**

In accordance with section 87 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), I, ROBERT MURRAY HILL, Minister for the Environment and Heritage, hereby determine that under section 87 of the EPBC Act an Environmental Impact Statement must be prepared to enable assessment of the proposed action as described in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

The proposal to establish a national near surface repository for the disposal of Australia's low level and short lived intermediate level radioactive waste, resulting from the medical, industrial and research use of radioactive materials. A site in the central north of South Australia has been identified as preferred, with two other sites in the same region selected as alternatives.

Dated this 2nd day of March 2001



Minister for the Environment and Heritage