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The Environmental Defenders Office (SA) Inc. ("EDO(SA)") is a community legal centre with over twenty years of experience specialising in public interest environmental and planning law. EDO(SA) provides legal advice and representation, undertakes law reform and policy work and provides community legal education.

## The Royal Commission Terms of Reference should include the following:

- 1. The adequacy of current South Australian and Commonwealth legislation and regulation in regard to the mining, enrichment, energy and storage phases (including transportation) for the peaceful and safe use of nuclear materials and fuel, having specific regard to:
  - a) Community consultation about and engagement in government and industry decision making;
  - b) Community access to government and industry information;
  - c) Transparency and accountability of government and industry decision making;
  - d) Compliance with Australia's international obligations;
  - e) Enforcement of international obligations and domestic legislative environmental and health standards and safeguards by government and community members;
  - f) The provision of adequate resourcing for community consultation, engagement and enforcement (including training and education); and
  - g) The environmental and social impacts of the mining, enrichment, energy and storage phases (including transportation).
- 2. Investigation of the legislative and regulatory approaches of other Australian state and territory and overseas jurisdictions to the mining, enrichment, energy and storage phases (including transportation) for the peaceful and safe use of nuclear materials and fuel.

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