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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Dulce sets example through jury experience**

**Setting an example for others is at the heart of Dulce Diaz-Llanos’ decision to return as a representative on the second Citizens’ Jury into the future of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle in South Australia.**

The 48-year-old from the south-eastern suburbs was among 50 everyday South Australians randomly selected to be part of Jury one in June and July will now be part Jury 2.

“I want people to get involved – not whinge and complain,” Ms Diaz-Llanos said. “I want people to make an informed decision. Above all, I want to do a proper job. That’s why I’m doing it again.”

The second Jury will comprise 350 people – making it one of the largest Citizens’ Juries to ever be held in the world. Meeting over three weekends across October and November, the Jury will work to answer the question: *Under what circumstances, if any, could SA pursue the opportunity to store and dispose of nuclear waste from other countries?*

Ms Diaz-Llanos works at Community Centres SA and is studying a Masters of Social Work through the University of South Australia.

“It’s good to receive the opportunity to make a difference,” Ms Diaz-Llanos, originally from Venezuela said. “It would never happen in a lot of countries.

“Previously I worked for Australian Red Cross for several years with asylum seekers – people who would never have this chance so I know the value.”

Dulce said she really enjoyed being part of the first Jury although it was “full on”.

“It’s (the Royal Commission Report) not the kind of thing I would read every day,” she said. “It’s mentally exhausting but it’s very rewarding.

“Most of the jurors were really engaged in the first Jury. I like to observe group dynamics and I am really looking forward to see where it (the jury) will go with a group of over 300.

“To respect people but be able to have an opinion and still feel safe. To me, that’s democracy.”

The second Jury will be delivered by democracyCo after the Adelaide-based company successfully delivered the first Jury on nuclear.

“We are once again thrilled to be facilitating the Citizens’ Jury,” democracyCo Co-CEO Emily Jenke said. “We have the specific skills and knowledge to ensure this Jury, like the last, receives all the support and guidance needed to deliberate in a safe, open and effective environment.

“Our role as independent and transparent facilitators is paramount. We are committed to ensuring the Jury and the whole South Australian community trust us to deliver a meaningful, results-based process that will send some clear messages to Government.”

Established in 2014, democracyCo works with governments, business, not-for-profits and communities to help them make better decisions together that improve peoples’ quality of life.

It facilitates deliberative panels, recruits and provides advice and policies and training locally, nationally and internationally.

**The second Jury will meet over three weekends on the 8th/9th and 29th/30th October and 5th/6th November 2016. For media inquiries please contact:**

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