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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**democracyCo to deliver final citizens’ jury on nuclear fuel cycle**

Adelaide-based company democracyCo has been awarded the contract to deliver the second and final Citizens’ Jury on the nuclear fuel cycle – one of the largest deliberative processes to be held anywhere in the world.

The Jury will comprise 350 every day South Australians chosen through a random selection process. It will include many members of the original jury of 50 held earlier this year, also delivered by democracyCo.

Meeting over three weekends across October and November, the Jury will work to answer the question:  *‘Under what circumstances, if any, could South Australia pursue the opportunity to store and dispose of nuclear waste from other countries?’*

democracyCo co-CEO Emily Jenke said democracyCo was privileged to have the opportunity to deliver the upcoming Jury sessions.

“We are once again thrilled to be facilitating the nuclear Citizens’ Jury,” Ms Jenke, who spoke today at The Leader’s Edge lunch hosted by the Australian Institute of Company Directors, 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.”

Meantime, democracyCo has also, this week, been announced as a joint finalist in the 2016 International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Australasia Core Values Awards recognising leading practice in public participation in decision-making. democracyCo and The Dog and Cat Management Board entered a submission for the stakeholder engagement and Citizens’ Jury process around dog and cat management policy reform. The winners will be announced on October 18.

Established in 2014, democracyCo works with governments, business, not-for-profits and local communities facilitating deliberative panels, advising and providing training locally, nationally and internationally.

**The second Citizens’ Jury on the future of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle in SA will meet over three weekends on the 8th/9th and 29th/30th October and 5th/6th November 2016.**

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