



Uranium SA addresses concerns

UraniumSA has received positive feedback on their developments from members of the public.

A number of UraniumSA representatives visited Whyalla on Wednesday and Thursday to provide consultation to the community and answer any questions the community might have.

UraniumSA Mullaquana Project general manager Alistair Muir said members of the public had asked a lot of questions, and he was happy to be able to answer them.

"There was a lot of healthy discussion," Mr Muir said.

"Most questions were about our use of chemicals.

"But there was a lot of interest in our operation."

Mr Muir said UraniumSA also covered topics of recovery solutions, environmental impacts, employment opportunities and future directions of the operation.

PIRSA Fisheries also attended the consultation, representing their organization and overseeing all information passed on to the public.

The main concern raised from members of the public was about the in-situ recovery method being used, with acid being one of the main materials used for this technique.

"One of the main concerns we've heard is about acid which will be pumped into the ground during our operation," Mr Muir said.

However, hydro geologist Ben Jeuken said the use of acid throughout UraniumSA's operation would not have any major impacts on the environment.

"A main concern is that acid pumped into the ground will contaminate the gulf," Mr Jeuken said.

"However, we have concluded that this will not be

the case."

Mr Jeuken said the acid would not contaminate gulf waters because it would be blocked by natural clay in the ground.

He said the in-situ recovery technique was widely used to mine uranium throughout South Australia as well as around the world.

"This technique is used at the Beverly Mine, and the Honeymoon Mine," he said.

Mr Jeuken said many people had questioned this technique at the consultations.

"People were concerned because it is unfamiliar," he said.

"But this technique will have no environmental impacts."

Mr Muir said he believed the public had been satisfied with the consultation and hoped public would continue to show support for UraniumSA's operation.



CONCERNS ADDRESSED: UraniumSA's Mullaquana project manager Alistair Muir (centre) addressed concerns raised by Jill Rodgers (left) and Di Turner (right) at the consultation on Thursday evening.