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Dear Mr Bruce,

RE: NOMINATION OF HIFAR FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HERITAGE LIST

Please find enclosed our nomination for HIFAR (i.e. The High Flux Australian Reactor) to be placed on the Commonwealth Heritage List. The form was sent to us at my request on 25/2/04 by Mr T. Tkachenko of your Section.

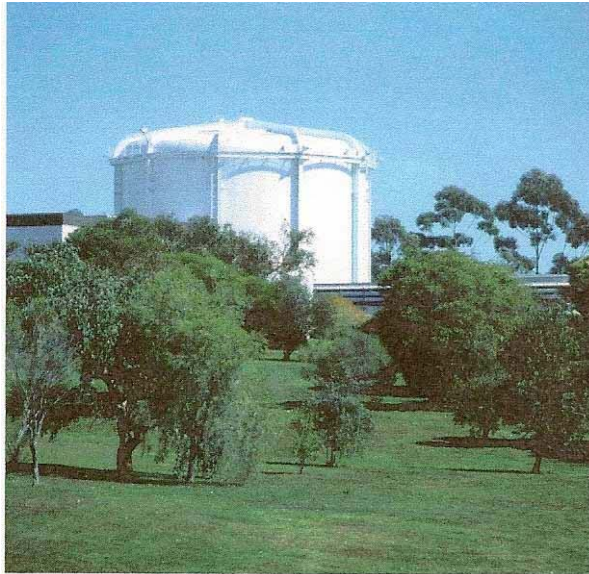
HIFAR has been in operation for over 46 years and during this time has been pivotal in the efforts to introduce the peaceful aspects of nuclear science and technology to Australia. It has been used to produce the radioisotopes needed for nuclear medicines to the extent that some 350,000 patient doses of radiopharmaceuticals are used each year, mainly in the diagnosis of disease. It has been an instrument of scientific research, and the means to develop significant applications in industry. It has also facilitated the involvement of this country in the establishment of the nuclear non-proliferation regime and other matters related to the international aspects of nuclear science.

HIFAR is located at the Lucas Heights Science and Technology Centre as operated by the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation which is a Commonwealth agency. Consequently the reactor itself is owned by the Commonwealth, and this and the above respects we believe qualify HIFAR to be placed on the Commonwealth Heritage List.

If you have any further questions regarding this nomination please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Jim Brough
President.



APPLICATION FOR THE LISTING OF HIFAR ON THE COMMONWEALTH HERITAGE LIST

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2. Pertains to Application Form Section 8
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4. "Symposium on HIFAR - Construction and Initial Operation," Australian Nuclear Association 11/3/88.
5. "Atomic Anniversary" - A Brochure to Commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Official Opening of the Lucas Heights Research Establishment by the Prime Minister on 18 April 1958, by C.J. Hardy, Published by the Australian Nuclear Association 18 April 1998.
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25/10/05

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Dear Dr Bruce

RE: COMMONWEALTH HERITAGE LISTING OF HIFAR

Thank you for your letter of 12/10/05 regarding the results of the investigation into the possible Commonwealth Heritage Listing of HIFAR plus the attachment that explained the evaluation in relation to the stipulated criteria. Naturally we are disappointed in the conclusion of the minister not to grant such listing. We were also somewhat surprised to learn that the word "culture" in this context apparently is exclusive of science and technology and the people so involved and thereby prevents them from being considered as key contributors to the Australian heritage.

Nevertheless we would appreciate learning when this decision and the reasons for it will be published and where. We also would like to know if there exists any avenue for appealing this decision.

Yours sincerely

J.R. Fredsall
Secretary