



# Membership of the *Radiation Health Committee*

## Background

The Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) is the Australian Government's primary authority on radiation protection and nuclear safety. Our purpose is to protect the Australian people and the environment from the harmful effects of radiation, through understanding risks, best practice regulation, research, policy, services, partnerships and engaging with the community.

The [\*Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998\*](#) (the Act) establishes the Radiation Health Committee (RHC) to advise the CEO of ARPANSA. Pursuant to Section 23 of the Act, the RHC's functions include:

- to advise the CEO and the Council on matters relating to radiation protection
- to develop policies and to prepare draft publications for the promotion of uniform national standards of radiation protection
- to formulate draft national policies, codes and standards in relation to radiation protection for consideration by the Commonwealth, the states and the territories
- from time to time, to review national policies, codes and standards in relation to radiation protection to ensure that they continue to substantially reflect world best practice
- to consult publicly in the development and review of policies, codes and standards in relation to radiation protection.

ARPANSA is currently seeking to appoint **three** part-time members of the RHC for the triennium (2018-2020), pursuant to subsection 24(2) of the Act and section 25 of the [Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Regulations 1999](#).

## Selection criteria

ARPANSA is seeking to appoint **two** members who will actively contribute to the RHC's functions and possess knowledge, qualifications or industry experience in one or more of the following areas:

- radiation protection or radiation health
- radiation risk management principles
- plant, equipment and process safety related to radiation or radioactive materials.

ARPANSA is also seeking to appoint **one** member who will actively contribute to the RHC's functions by representing the interests of the general public.

The RHC typically meets at ARPANSA's Melbourne and/or Sydney office for one day, three times a year. Sitting fees, travel and accommodation costs are met by ARPANSA in accordance with the determinations of the Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal. Information on the activities of the RHC can be found on ARPANSA's website at [Radiation Health Committee](#).

Applicants should also make themselves familiar with the document '[Roles and expectations for advisory bodies](#)'.

## Conditions

If successful, applicants must comply with the following before formal appointment to the RHC can occur:

- complete a relevant security clearance check
- be a citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- provide 100 points of identification
- sign a confidentiality agreement
- provide written notice to the CEO (by completing a form) of all interests, pecuniary or otherwise, the applicant has or acquires that could conflict with the proper performance of the applicant's functions as a Member of the RHC
- provide referees who can be contacted by phone.

## How to apply

Persons wishing to nominate should forward their Curriculum Vitae detailing relevant experience for the role and state which position is being applied for. Nominations should be emailed to the following address prior to the closing date Thursday, 31 August 2017:

**Samir Sarkar, Secretariat - [rhc@arpansa.gov.au](mailto:rhc@arpansa.gov.au)**

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