



# Membership of the *Nuclear Safety 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 Nuclear Safety Committee (NSC) to advise the CEO of ARPANSA. Pursuant to Section 26 of the Act, the NSC's functions include:

- advising the CEO and the Council on nuclear safety and the safety of controlled facilities<sup>1</sup>
- reviewing and assessing the effectiveness of standards, codes, practices and procedures in relation to the safety of controlled facilities
- developing detailed policies and draft publications for the promotion of uniform national standards in relation to safety of controlled facilities
- reporting to the CEO on matters relating to nuclear safety and the safety of controlled facilities.

ARPANSA is currently seeking to appoint **nine** part-time members of the NSC for the triennium (2018-2020), pursuant to subsection 27(2) of the Act and section 25 of the [\*Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Regulations 1999\*](#).

## Selection criteria

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

- safety-related areas relevant to the nuclear sector
- human and organisation factors in the nuclear sector and other areas

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<sup>1</sup> Controlled facilities includes nuclear installations (nuclear reactor, plant for preparing and storing fuel, nuclear waste storage and disposal facility or a facility for the production of radioisotopes) and other facilities prescribed by the CEO as a controlled facility. See section 13 of the Act.

- plant and process safety in major hazard facilities
- other industrial or safety-related regulation or a related area.

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

The NSC typically meets at ARPANSA's 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 NSC can be found on ARPANSA's website at [Nuclear Safety 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 NSC can occur:

- undergo a police check and obtain baseline security clearance
- 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 NSC
- 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 the position and committee name. Nominations should be emailed to the following address prior to the closing date Thursday, 31 August 2017:

**Chris Nickel, Secretariat** - [continuous.improvement@arpansa.gov.au](mailto:continuous.improvement@arpansa.gov.au)

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