

# Media Release

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## **CEO of ARPANSA re-appointed**

The Australian Government has re-appointed Dr John Loy as Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) for a second five-year term.

Parliamentary Secretary for Health, Trish Worth, announced that John Loy had accepted the offer of another five-year term at the helm of ARPANSA.

“John Loy has done a sterling job of regulating nuclear installations and setting updated radiation protection standards in Australia,” Ms Worth said.

“With major projects like the replacement research reactor and the national radioactive waste repository being assessed and overseen by the agency, John Loy is the right person for the job. In addition to fully grasping the technical and regulatory details that must be examined closely he is also responsive to the needs of stakeholders.”

John Loy was appointed as acting head of the interim ARPANSA in September 1998 and his first task was to guide the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act through parliament. The Act came into effect in February 1999 and John Loy was appointed as CEO in April 1999.

After completing his physics doctorate at the University of Sydney, on high energy cosmic rays, John Loy joined the Australian Public Service and his career has included working:

- with Government science agencies (Bureau of Meteorology, Antarctic Division);
- in the Prime Minister’s Department, including the Cabinet Office;
- as a senior adviser to a former Labor Cabinet Minister; and
- in the Commonwealth Health Department, since 1987.

Within the Health Department John Loy has headed Divisions covering medical research, public health (including drugs strategy and HIV/Aids strategy), and health financing.

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