



## **SUMMARY OF FORUM ON REVISION OF IAEA BASIC SAFETY STANDARDS**

**19 MAY 2010**

### **Who attended?**

The forum was attended by 47 participants from a range of government and industry groups, including:

- ARPANSA
- science research organisations
- state and territory government departments and regulatory authorities
- mining sector
- medical sector.

### **How was the Forum run?**

The National Forum program (see [BSS Forum Program \(PDF 90k\)](#)) included 4 sessions, where presentations on each Section of the draft were given by ARPANSA staff. Two particular issues were highlighted for more detailed discussion:

- Changes to the requirements for exemption and clearance.
- Non-medical irradiation of humans, including for security purposes.

### **What issues were raised?**

Participants had considerable opportunity to respond to the presentations and raise issues for discussion. While the overall view of the draft was that it is now a high quality and appropriate revision of the International Basic Safety Standards. The main issues raised were the following:

- An inconsistency between the approaches taken for exemption and clearance.
- Clarification of the responsibilities of Principal Parties.
- Responsibility for transfer of worker dose records and the need to comply with privacy laws.
- Clarification of several issues in regard to the exposure of humans for non-medical purposes.
- A range of suggestions for improvements to the wording.

### **What happens now?**

The Forum helped highlight which parts of the draft Australia should provide comment on. The CEO of ARPANSA asked participants to submit written comments on the draft Standards to ARPANSA by 21 May 2010. These will be reviewed by ARPANSA before a coordinated Australian response is submitted to the IAEA (submissions from all IAEA member states—including Australia—need to be submitted to the IAEA by 31 May 2010). The [Australian comments \(PDF 51k\)](#) were completed and submitted to IAEA on 31 May 2010. A meeting of the IAEA Radiation Safety Standards Committee (RASSC) in late June will receive a report on issues raised in the comments from member states.