



**Guide on How to Make a Submission -
On an Application for a Facility Licence under the
*Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998***

The Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) intends to make a decision under section 32 of the *Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998* (the Act) on the following licence application:

Application by the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation for a facility licence to possess or control a nuclear installation being the High Flux Australian Reactor.

A copy of the licence application together with a guide on how to make a submission can be downloaded at: <http://www.arpansa.gov.au/hifar.htm>. A CD with the licence application and the guide can be obtain by contacting ARPANSA on 1800 022 333.

In accordance with regulation 40(3) of Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Regulations 1999, the CEO has invited people and bodies to make submissions about the application.

Submissions about the application must be received by Friday 3 August 2007.

The CEO will take into account all submissions received from the public when he makes a decision whether or not to issue the licence.

Submissions may be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to the following addresses:

Postal address:

CEO of ARPANSA
PO Box 655
MIRANDA 1490

Fax address:

(02) 9541 8348

E-mail address:

hifarlicenceapplication@arpansa.gov.au

Your submission may be as short or as long as you wish. It may contain facts, opinions, arguments or recommendations. If your submission is more than a few pages you may wish to include an executive summary on the first page. If the submission is made by an organisation please say so clearly and state at what level the submission was authorised.

Your submission may address the statutory matters that the CEO must take into account when making his decision under the Act and Regulations.

The object of the Act is to protect the health and safety of people and to protect the environment from the harmful effects of radiation.

When making a decision whether or not to issue a facility licence under the Act, subsection 32(3) requires the CEO of ARPANSA to take into account:

- international best practice in radiation protection and nuclear safety as it relates to the application; and

- the matters set out in regulation 41(3) of the Regulations including:
- whether the information establishes that the proposed conduct can be carried out without undue risk to the health and safety of people and to the environment;
- whether the applicant has shown that there is net benefit from carrying out the conduct relating to the controlled facility;
- whether the applicant has shown that the magnitude of individual doses, the number of people exposed, and the likelihood that exposure will happen, are as low as reasonable achievable, having regard to economic and social factors;
- whether the applicant has shown a capacity for complying with these regulations, and the licence conditions that would be imposed under section 35 of the Act; and
- the content of any submissions made by members of the public about the application.

ARPANSA will treat all submissions as public documents and will place these submissions on the ARPANSA website (including the name and address of the submitter where provided) unless a claim of confidentiality is made or there is some other legal reason why it should not be made public. If you wish to have your submission or your name and address (where provided) kept confidential please say so clearly at the top of the submission or in a covering letter and include a brief statement of the reasons you feel substantiates the request.

ARPANSA is subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and decisions of the CEO of ARPANSA are reviewable by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and the Federal Court of Australia. Submissions may become part of another legal process.