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Efficient and effective regulation

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Our Values

- Values are the foundation of workplace culture
- Define how we work together and with our external stakeholders
- Values underpin positive and effective behaviours shared by all



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Large licence “Footprint”



***Nuclear
installations***
7 licences

1 x Construction
4 x Operations
2 x Possess or control

***Prescribed
radiation facilities***
15

1 x Siting and construction
14 x Operations

***Source
licences***
3

Annual licence charges: \$2.5M (FY15/16)

ANSTO Nuclear Medicine



ANSTO Nuclear Medicine building under construction

The Synroc Plant



Preliminary artist's impression

Research and Development



Researchers and collaborators

Australian Synchrotron



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Social and economic benefits for Australia



Supporting **human health**



Innovation for **industry**



Advancing the **nuclear fuel cycle**



Understanding the **environment**

Regulation of ANSTO

ANSTO's activities are overseen by **over 30 regulators**



Three main operations regulators



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**Australian Radiation Protection
and Nuclear Safety Agency**

ARPANSA



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Comcare

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**Australian Safeguards and
Non-Proliferation Office**

ASNO

Principles of radiation protection

1. **Justification**

All activities must have a positive net benefit

2. **Optimisation**

All risks controlled to ALARA
(*Social and economic factors being considered*)

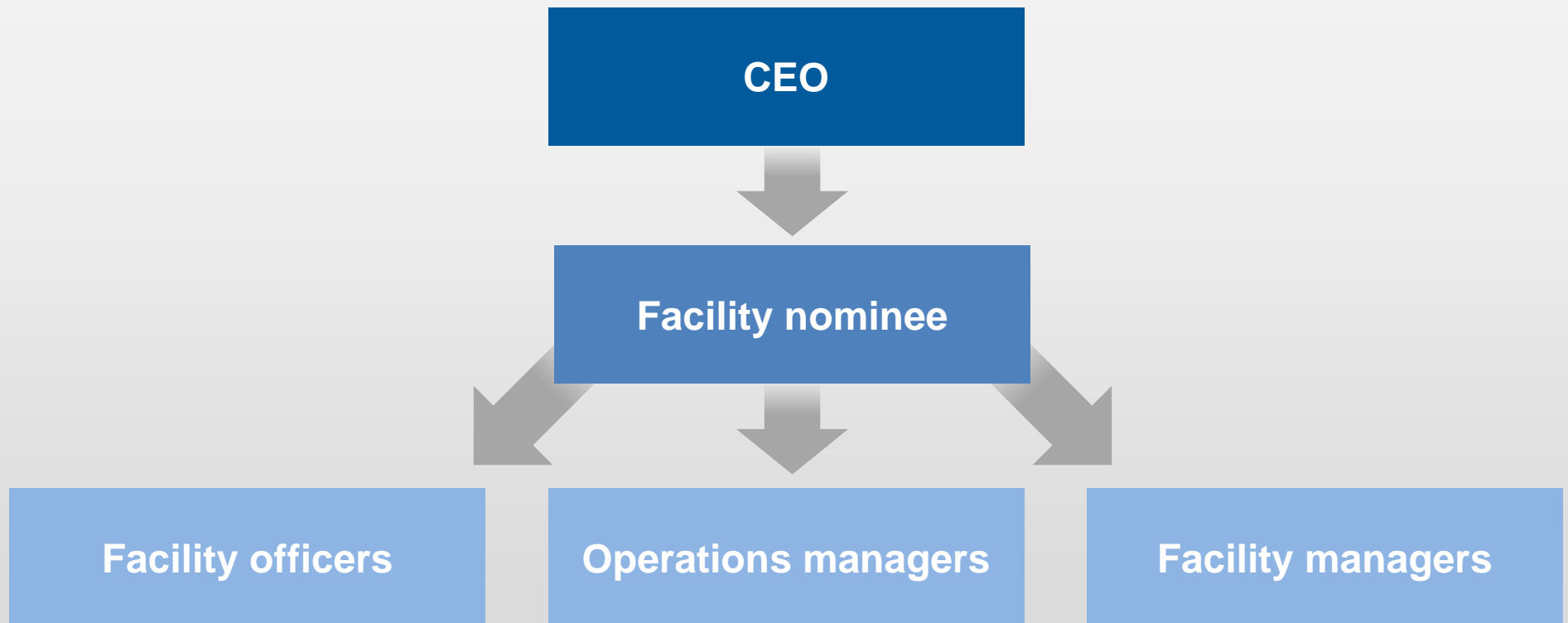
3. **Limitation**

All exposures below relevant regulatory limit



ANSTO Control Model

Ultimate responsibility for safety ***remains with the CEO***



ANSTO work health and safety management system and plans and arrangements framework

ANSTO Assurance Model





**Are we the operator the
regulator wants to see?**

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Principles of good regulation

Clear distinction between the roles of operator and regulator

Operator

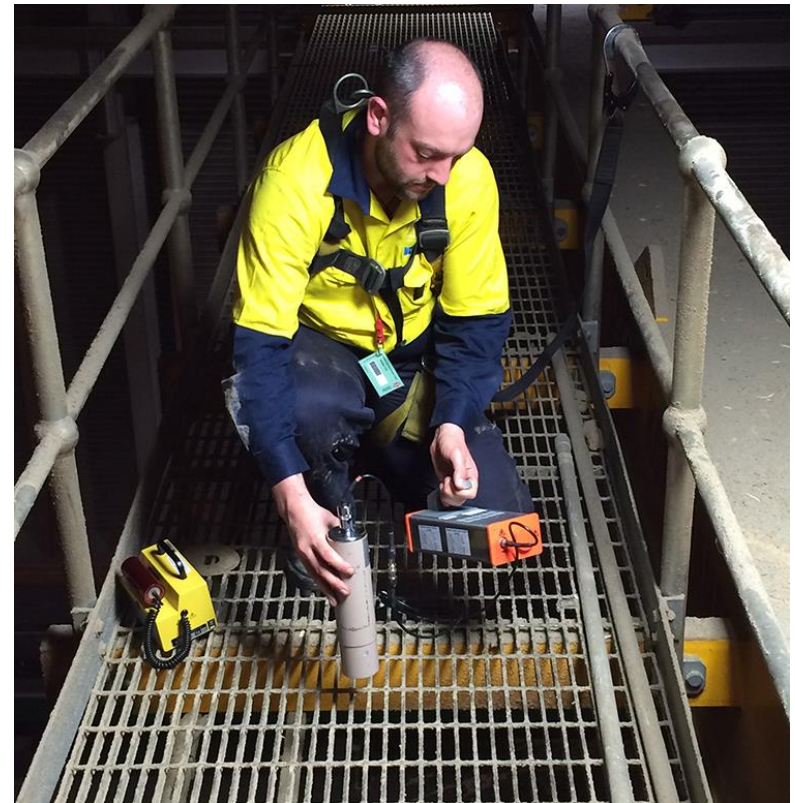
- Responsible for safety
- Owner of plans and arrangements
- Maintains operational control at all times
- Continuous improvement

Regulator

- Assurance that operators are conducting their undertakings in the manner prescribed

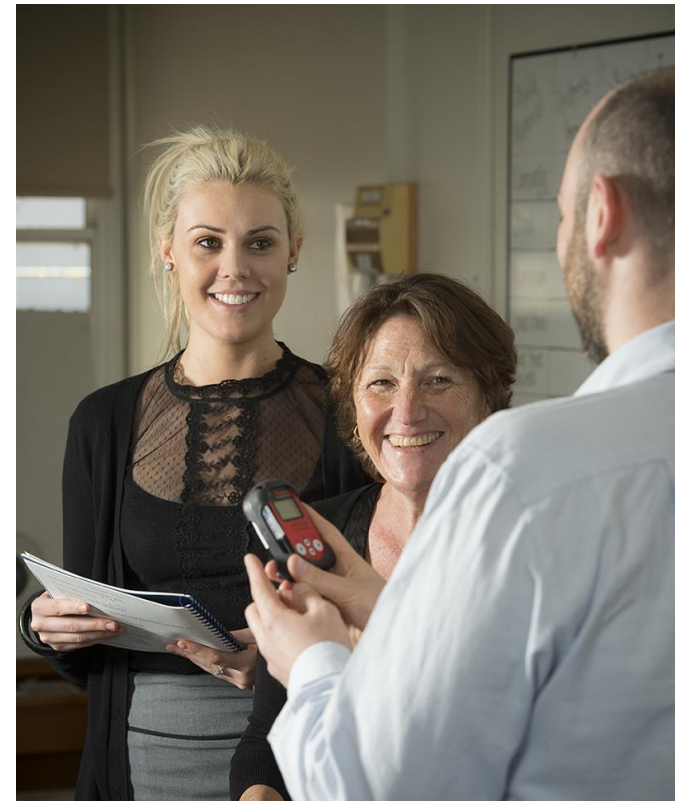
Transparent and predictable processes

- Should not have a negative impact on resources
- Risk informed
- Timely processing
- Action proportionate to risk



Effective communication

- Information sharing encouraged
- Clear, transparent and effective
- Coordination to minimise disruptions to activities
- Role of licensees in development of regulatory guides
- Normative language



Framework supports continuous improvement

- Implementation of improvements should be uncomplicated
- Application of lessons learned from local and international events
- Operating experience



Non-duplication of work

- Rely on the assessments from other competent bodies to reduce burden (to regulator and licensee)
 - Information sharing between regulatory bodies is encouraged
 - Streamlining of monitoring activities
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Appropriate frames of reference

- Nuclear power reactor standards: appropriate reference frame for countries like Australia?
 - Requirements risk and hazard informed?
 - Engineering practice and operating experience?
 - Cost of risk controls?
 - Frame of reference does matter
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Can operators and regulators fall into bad habits?

- Re-inforce and affirm the positive
- Analyse and eliminate patterns of interaction that may undermine the differentiated but aligned outcomes
- Is a “learning model” able to optimise resource deployments over time?
- Is a “maturity model” a useful idea for planning?

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**The operator the regulator
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Thank you
