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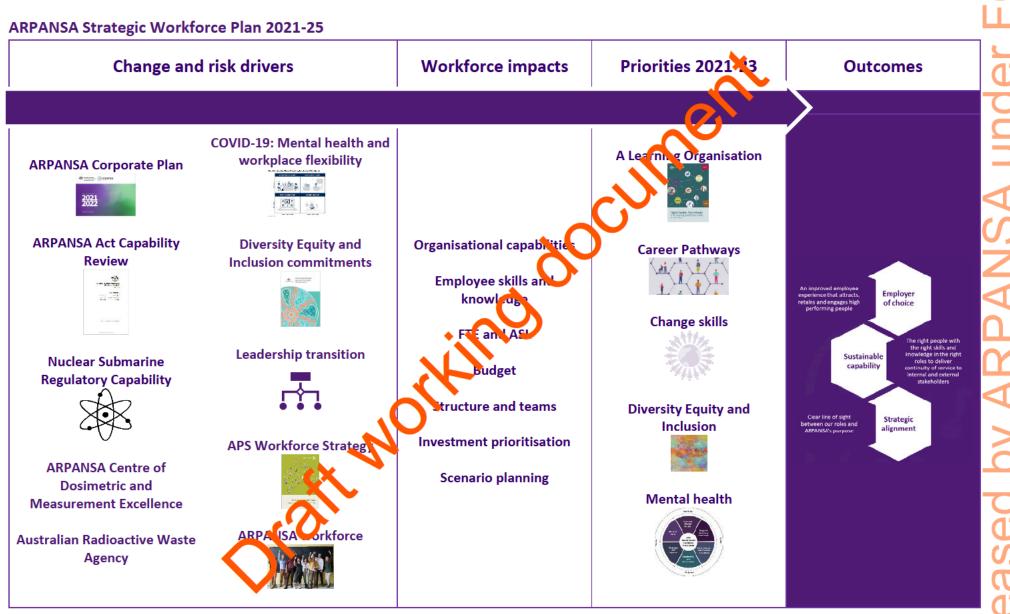
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency



WORKFORCE PLAN 2021-2022



COVERING THE PERIOD 2021-22 TO 2024-25



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Nuclear Submaring Regulatory Capability

The announcement of Australia's greater need for regulatory advice and assessment came about when on 16 September 2021, the Prime Minister of Australia, the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and the President of the United States of America, announced an enhanced trilateral security partnership between Australia, the UK and the US (AUKUS). The Government agreed to the establishment of a multi-agency Nuclear-powered submarine taskforce to establish a pathway for Australia to acquire nuclear-powered submarines over an 18 month period. A key element that the taskforce will be responsible for is establishing stewardship arrangements that meet both Australian Government expectations and those of Australia's strategic international partners. ARPANSA as the federal regulator has significant experience of

direct relevance to the work of the taskforce, and has already made a significant workforce contribution to support this work. **s 33 - security**

The demand for increased capability to respond to the regulatory requirements for nuclear submarines only adds to the existing drivers deriving from the ARPANSA-initiated Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) mission to Australia, and the resulting recommendation that we 'ensure that all parties having responsibilities for safety of facilities and regulatory activities have the necessary competence and resources to carry out their responsibilities'. While early work has commenced on a range of artefacts to support competency assessment and the gathering of data on staff skill proficiency levels and role requirements against the international regulatory competency framework², **s 33 - security**

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² <u>IAEA Methodology for the Systematic Assessment of the Regulatory Competence Needs (SARCoN) for Regulatory Bodies of Nuclear Installations</u>