



Membership nominations for the Radiation Health and Safety Advisory Council – December 2024

The Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) is seeking nominations for **two** part-time members to join its peak advisory body, the Radiation Health and Safety Advisory Council (the Council).

Background

ARPANSA is the Australian Government's primary authority on radiation protection and nuclear safety. Its purpose is to protect the Australian people and the environment from the harmful effects of radiation, through understanding risks, best practice regulation, research, policy, services, partnerships and engaging with the community

The Council is established under the <u>Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998</u> (the Act) to advise the CEO of the Australian Radiation and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) on emerging issues and matters of major public concern relating to radiation protection and nuclear safety as well as the adoption of recommendations, policies, codes, and standards relating to radiation protection and nuclear safety.

The Council is seeking **one** member who will actively contribute to its functions by representing the interests of the general public.

The Council is also seeking **one** other member with relevant expertise, or knowledge of, radiation protection and nuclear safety.

Members of the Council are part-time, with three meetings held annually and working groups collaborating on key issues between meetings. ARPANSA meets the cost of sitting fees, travel and accommodation in accordance with the determinations of the Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal.

All appointments will be made by the Minister responsible for ARPANSA, the Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Honourable Ged Kearney MP. Terms run for three years from date of appointment.

Relevant expertise or knowledge

The ARPANS Act requires suitably qualified people for these roles. Candidates with an understanding of technical radiation issues are encouraged to apply, as well as those with backgrounds in related areas:

- community advocacy
- engineering
- environmental assessment
- epidemiology
- First Nations Australians
- health economics
- industrial or safety related regulation
- law
- medical practice
- mining
- nuclear safety and security
- public health
- risk management
- sciences
- waste management.

For more information on the Council, its roles, and expectations for members, please visit www.arpansa.gov.au/rhsac.

Qualified applicants must fulfil the following conditions to be formally appointed to the Committee:

- obtain relevant security clearance
- be a permanent resident or citizen of Australia
- provide 100 points of identification e.g., passport and driver's licence
- sign a confidentiality agreement
- give written notice (by filling out a form) to the Minister and the RHSAC of all interests, pecuniary or otherwise, that the applicant has or acquires that could conflict with the proper performance of the Member's functions
- provide referees who can be contacted by phone.

How to apply

Persons wishing to nominate should forward an expression of interest with their Curriculum Vitae detailing relevant experience for the role. Nominations should be emailed to the Council Secretariat at council@arpansa.gov.au prior to **Friday 31 January 2025**.

For further information, please contact:

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