Australian Government
Radiation Health Committee

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Meeting Minutes

Date	2 September 2026
Time	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (17 June)
Location	Virtual
Members	Dr Joanna Wriedt (Chair), Dr Rick Tinker (Acting CEO of ARPANSA), Ms Fay Bellis, Mr Tom Sullivan, Mr Stuart Parr, Dr Selim Mahbub (ACT), Mr Simon Critchley (QLD), Mr David Kruss (SA), Mr Glenn Riley (VIC), Ms Karen Marler, Mr Bradley Feldtman (NT), Mr Nehal Ahmed (TAS)
Observers and Presenters	Mr Duncan Surin (WA), Mr Len Potapof (NSW EPA), Mr Simon Robertshaw (ANNPSR), Mr Keith Dessent (ARPANSA), Mr Alex Kalaiziovski (ARPANSA), Ms Sarah Longo (DHDA), Mr Patrick Morris (DHDA)
Secretariat	Dr Arne Biesiekierski, Mr James Wheaton, Ms Parmeet Kaur

1 Meeting Open

The Radiation Health Committee (RHC) Chair opened the virtual meeting with an acknowledgement of country, noting that she joined from the lands of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples of the Kulin Nation, and paid respects to all Elders past and present. The Chair noted that Dr Rick Tinker was present as Acting CEO of ARPANSA, and welcomed observers from the New South Wales Environmental Protection Authorities (NSW EPA), the Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Regulator (ANNPSR), the Department of Health, Disability, and Ageing and ARPANSA.

1.1 Housekeeping

The Secretariat confirmed the agenda for the day and covered housekeeping matters relating to the status of the previous meeting minutes and the virtual meeting protocols. No perceived conflicts of interest were declared. The Secretariat also noted the Out-of-Session endorsement of the Terms of Reference for the National Competency Framework working group.

2 X-Ray Code Discussion

The Secretariat spoke to the tabled paper regarding the delineation of equipment and practices between the draft X-ray Equipment Code and other extant Codes such as the Industrial Radiography Code RPS C-4.

The Secretariat noted the origin of the issue as the outcome of discussion arising at the June 2026 RHC meeting, with that meeting not resolving the question of a clear philosophy or methodology of assigning practices between Codes. In discussing the issue, the RHC considered both the need for clarification of definitions, as well as the differences in drafting philosophy of RPS C-4 with the draft X-ray Code and its earlier iteration as the RHS 9, 21 and 22 publications.

The RHC further considered approaches to resolve these issues such as the development of a flow-chart or rubric for the identification of challenging practices, as well as revising RPS C-4 with the inclusion of a 'low-risk' category. The RHC also considered whether the IAEA publications SSG-55 and SSG-87 provided useful delineation, as well as key properties that a regulator would consider in assessing risk.

To help resolve the issue, a document that identifies those equipment types and practices that cause challenges in regulation within their jurisdiction was proposed. The RHC agreed that this be provided for consideration within the X-Ray Equipment Code Working Group ahead of the next RHC meeting.

Task: RHC members to populate a list of equipment types and practices that cause issues in classification within their respective jurisdictions.
Task: X-Ray Equipment Code working group to consider the list of equipment/practices and discuss further potential resolutions.

3 Meeting Close

The Chair thanked the participants and then closed the meeting.