



**Australian Government**

**Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency**

## **MCA Uranium Forum - ARPANSA Dialogue Terms of Reference**

### **Background**

The Minerals Council of Australia (MCA) is the peak industry body of Australia's exploration, mining and minerals processing industry. It represents the minerals industry, both nationally and internationally, in advancing its contribution to sustainable development and to society. The MCA Uranium Forum represents the Australian uranium industry. The MCA Uranium Forum meets regularly and includes all MCA members with interests in uranium exploration, development and mining. For reference see <http://www.minerals.org.au/resources/uranium>

The Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) is the Australian Government's primary authority on radiation protection and nuclear safety. ARPANSA regulates Commonwealth entities using radiation with the objective of protecting people and the environment from the harmful effect of radiation. ARPANSA undertakes research, provides services, and promotes national uniformity and the implementation of international best practice across all jurisdictions. For reference see <http://www.arpansa.gov.au/>

Both parties recognise the importance of open and transparent exchange of information, views and ideas on radiation safety and radiation protection issues associated with the exploration, extraction, processing and transport of minerals that contain radioactive material. With due regard to the different roles both organisations play, it has been agreed to form the MCA Uranium Forum – ARPANSA Dialogue.

### **Dialogue membership and meetings**

The meetings will occur on an annual basis at a location decided before each meeting and will be co-chaired by the Executive Director of the uranium division of MCA and the CEO of ARPANSA. Senior managers and experts from both MCA and ARPANSA will participate, as nominated by the organisations prior to each Dialogue meeting.

### **Minutes**

Short minutes will be produced after each Dialogue meeting and published online.

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