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NATIONAL UNIFORMITY OF AUSTRALIA'S RADIATION REGULATORY SYSTEM

Dear Dr Larsson

I am writing on behalf of the Radiation Health Safety and Advisory Council ("the Council") with regard to a vision for national uniformity of Australia's radiation regulatory system.

As the peak advisory body to ARPANSA on the adoption of recommendations, policies, codes and standards, the Council appreciates the long lead-times needed to develop nationally uniform regulatory publications.

The June 2017 meeting of the Council discussed an ongoing Radiation Health Committee (RHC) project to consider options for a redesign of Australia's radiation regulatory system. The RHC has endorsed a vision of a seamless experience for business and individuals conducting safe radiation practices across Australia.

I also note that all Australian jurisdictions, as represented on the RHC, are now participating in the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Integrated Regulatory Review Services (IRRS) visit to Australia in 2018. The Council follows this with interest and commends jurisdictions for such efforts to review radiation protection regulation.

On behalf of the Council, please accept this letter as a strong endorsement to pursue the RHC vision for national uniformity. Members of the Council believe that national uniformity across various regulatory jurisdictions should be a priority, in order to achieve improved radiation protection in Australia.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if the Council can assist with this project in any way. I look forward to hearing from you about the progress of this important project.

Yours Sincerely

Dr Roger Allison

Chair

Radiation Health and Safety Advisory Council