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Radiation Health and Safety Advisory Council

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Dear Carl-Magnus,

TRANSPORT OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL IN AUSTRALIA

I am pleased to provide the following two documents resulting from Council's consideration of the above matter.

- Statement on the Management of Risks in the Transport of Radioactive Material in Australia.
- Background Paper –Transport of Radioactive Material in Australia – Discussion of the Risks

Considerable work has been put into development of this advice, with every effort made to research both domestic and international data that was readily available at the time of considering the issue.

I would like to draw your attention particularly to the following:

In the **Statement** Council emphasizes that the focus should be on making the transport of radioactive material as safe as possible. Three areas are highlighted to ensure such an outcome.

In the **Background Paper** Section 8 – Summary of Key Points, Council's views are stated on various areas relating to the overall management of radioactive material transport. Although wide ranging and requiring input by various parties including ARPANSA, Council considers these matters important.

I commend the Statement and Background Paper to you for consideration and look forward to your response and advice on how Council may assist ARPANSA in this important area of radiation protection.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Kidziak'.

Sylvia Kidziak AM
Chairperson
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