



Australian Government

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency

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Mr Neil Hicks
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Dear Mr Hicks

Re: Composition of the MRPBA Accreditation Committee

The Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) is responsible for protecting the Australian population from the harmful effects of radiation. Therefore, ARPANSA has considerable interest in the competence and in the training of Medical Radiation professionals.

Due to the nature of work carried out by the Medical Radiation professionals, ARPANSA believes there is a need for a thorough understanding of radiation protection in order to achieve optimal outcomes both technically and at the highest level of patient care. Medical Radiation professionals care extends to advising on the risks and benefits of the procedures as a key element of patient understanding.

ARPANSA believes that the proposed composition of the Accreditation Committee with an educationalist, a medical academic, a medical radiation practitioner and health sciences academic is incomplete without the addition of a radiation protection expert. The most obvious source of such an expert is from the staff of a regulation protection regulator. There are nine jurisdictions in Australia regulating radiation protection and so a suitably qualified expert should be available.

ARPANSA proposes the addition of a 'radiation protection regulator' to the other four experts detailed in the consultation paper. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Professor Peter Johnston on (03) 9433 2393 or at peter.johnston@arpansa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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