

# MINUTES - Radiation Protection Committee Meeting



<b>Meeting No. -</b>	2024 meeting 2
<b>Date &amp; Time -</b>	Thursday, 6 June, 2024   1.00pm – 3pm
<b>Location -</b>	EPA Inparilla Boardroom, Tarntanyangga – 211 Victoria Square/ Microsoft Teams video conference

## Statement of Acknowledgement

*We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today. We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting/attending from other areas of South Australia/Australia.*

## 1 WELCOME, PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

The meeting was opened at 1.24pm by [Keith Baldry – Presiding member]

### Attendance-

**Committee Members:**

- Keith Baldry (Presiding Member)
- Jim Hondros
- Kathryn Liedig-Levingstone
- Charlotte Sale – via MS Teams
- Chris Lease (Deputy Member to Prof Spurrier) – via MS Teams

**Support Staff:** Laura Watson (EPA – Minutes)

**Observers:**

- Steven Sergi (EPA)
- Daniel Bellifemine (EPA)

### Presenters:

**Apologies:**

- Prof Nicola Spurrier
- Nigel Spooner
- Pamela Sykes
- Michelle Nottage

## 2 Minutes

### 2.1 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the 7 March 2024 meeting.

Due to a quorum not being reached until Deputy Member Chris Lease was available, official business of the Committee commenced at 1.15pm.

The Committee discussed the advantages of Deputy Members being available. The Committee supported Deputy Members to add to the breath of Committee expertise in addition to managing the absence of Members. Members and Deputy Members are appointed by the Minister and the process for nomination is managed by the EPA.

**Action:** Presiding Member to send an email to all Committee Members to canvas views on the expertise appropriate for prospective Deputy Members.

### 2.2 Action Items

The Committee noted the action item:

EPA to engage with SA Health to explore data sharing opportunities and alignment of radiation incident reporting. Rather than being tracked through Committee Minutes, this action will be tracked through EPA work planning, and this will be set out in the Operational report to the next meeting.

Chris Lease offered to connect the SA Health Chief Data Officer with the EPA. The EPA will provide CDO contact details to the consultant currently undertaking the EPA strategic digital review.

The Presiding Member noted that ARPANSA had not actioned the Committee correspondence of December 2023 regarding national oversight of sealed radioactive sources.

The Committee noted the forward agenda.

## 3 Members reports

- The Committee noted that the International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA) is hosting 69<sup>th</sup> Health Physics Society conference in Orlando in three weeks. The Australasian Radiation Protection Society (ARPS) is currently making a bid for the 2032 conference with the aim to be held in Darwin, bidding against Brazil, China and Malaysia.
- The Committee discussed radiation safety and progressing sustainable development including enabling access to medical innovation. South Australia is leading nationally and globally with its 2023 legislation

that explicitly recognises the benefits of safe and justified radiation uses. However change does take time and the EPA is keen to work with health practitioners in rolling out these changes.

- The Committee discussed changes to enable nurses to prescribe certain radiation procedures. The Committee was supportive of changes that enabled clinical decision making to be done by those with accountability for service delivery, to improve overall patient care. The EPA will have an important role in establishing expectations for competencies and standards.
- Members discussed national radiation safety bodies, and asked that a presentation be brought to the Committee setting out the bodies, their relationships and relevance to the interests of the Committee and the EPA, and the South Australia representation. ACTION EPA
- With commencement of the new EPA Act and Regulations, there was a need to review and update all 14,000 authorisations to ensure any reference to the previous legislation were updated to the new legislation.
- Radiation forum – one meeting has been held – The forum is comprised of end users around the medical field. Intent was to get end user perspectives on how new regulations are being implemented.

## 4 Matters for Discussion

### 4.1 Terms of Reference

- The Committee agreed that with a new RPC Act the Committee should have updated terms of reference. The Presiding Member agreed to circulate the outcomes of the discussion to the full membership, with a view to then the EPA finalising the ToR.

**Action:** Members to provide comment on the Terms of Reference for EPA consideration, in response to the Presiding Member's request.

## 5 Other Business

### 5.1

Following discussion, the Committee resolved to:

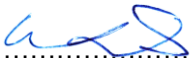
1. Arrange a visit of the Gillman lab and have RPC potentially be held at the new lab.

## 6 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Thursday 5 September 2024, 1:00pm.

Meeting closed at: 2:46pm

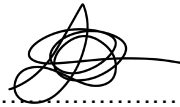
**Confirmation of Minutes**



Keith Baldry

**Presiding Member**

**Date:** 26/09/2024



Laura Watson

**Executive Officer Radiation Protection Committee**