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Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency

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The Hon Richard Marles MP
Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
PO Box 6021
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Chair

I refer to the hearing of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties held on 13 May 2013 regarding the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United Arab Emirates on Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

I would like to provide a supplementary submission to the evidence I provided during the hearing.

With regard to discussion during the hearing on the legislation and regulations needed to be amended to give legal effect to the Agreement, I would like to confirm that while no amendment to the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998 or the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Regulations 1999 would be required (to give effect), Section 84 of the ARPANS Act requires the functions and powers of the Act to be exercised in accordance with prescribed international agreements. An amendment to the ARPANS Regulations would be required to have the Australia and UAE Agreement made a prescribed international agreement. In essence, the amendment is not required to allow the Agreement to enter into force but would be a consequential amendment arising as a result of it having entered into force.

Yours sincerely

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