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Ms M Cahill
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Dear Ms Cahill

Thank you for your letter dated 14 July 2008 in which you invited the Australasian Radiation Protection Society (ARPS) to make a submission on a partially regulated profession for the consideration of health ministers on the question of whether that profession should be regulated nationally and included in a National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for the Health Professions.

From a radiation safety point of view, all relevant health professions will be subject to nationally uniform regulation endorsed by the AHMC. ARPS believes that this regulatory system provides adequate safeguards from the risk arising from radiation use by the relevant health professions. It is appropriate for those professions themselves to determine whether they wish to be part of a national registration and accreditation scheme. Therefore, ARPS will not be making a submission on this matter.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Yours sincerely

Barbara Shields
President