

Fellow nuclear workers,

As we are sure you are aware, there has been much discussion recently on the role of nuclear technology in Australia. For the first time in many decades, there has been serious consideration of building nuclear power plants to fuel our ever increasing energy needs. Our uranium sector is expanding to meet the needs of the global market, there has been continuing debate over the best way to safely manage our radioactive waste, and the OPAL research reactor and the Australian Synchrotron have been constructed to cement our leading role in nuclear research. Indeed the Australian nuclear industry seems poised for a period of great change and rapid expansion over the next few decades.

With these great opportunities, come great challenges. Like many nuclear industries across the globe, we have an aging workforce and as experienced nuclear workers retire we need to replace that knowledge. This presents a particular challenge in Australia as nuclear fuel cycle activities have traditionally been looked upon unfavourably by the public, and have not represented attractive career options for young professionals.

As young workers in the industry, we not only have an important role to play in meeting these challenges, we also have a vested interest. One significant action that we can take to help advance both our careers as well as the wider industry, is to form a professional association aimed at developing networks between young nuclear workers, as well as promotion of nuclear power and technology to other young Australians. The proposed association, based on similar models in North America and Europe, would be called ***Australian Young Generation in Nuclear.***

## **Proposed Objectives**

The objectives of the association would obviously evolve as the association was developed, but it is envisaged that the following goals, or variations thereof, would be central to the association's activities.

- Develop professional networks, both domestically and internationally, between young workers engaged in nuclear fuel cycle activities and technology
- Represent the interests of young workers to the rest of the nuclear industry
- Encourage young Australians to consider a career in the nuclear industry
- Promote the benefits of nuclear power and technology to other young Australians

## **Who is this for?**

The association is obviously targeted at young professionals working in the nuclear fuel cycle or with nuclear technology, with 35 and under being the cap traditionally used by similar associations around the world. However, it is proposed that anyone who works in the nuclear industry, or has an interest in promoting nuclear power and technology should be encouraged to participate, regardless of age.

## Next Steps

At this stage, we are gauging support for the association from nuclear workers of all ages from across the country. To assist us in this, if you are interested in supporting, joining or helping establish this association, please take the time to fill out the brief survey below and return to one of us by email. If there is sufficient support for the association, we will contact those interested about setting up a steering committee.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to your feedback and support in promoting our industry.

Kind Regards,

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Question	Y	N
Would you be interested in joining Australian Young Generation in Nuclear?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If required, would you be willing to pay a small subscription fee (< \$100 per year) to support association activities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you be interested in joining a steering committee or assisting in the association's creation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you be interested in assisting in ongoing association activities? If so, please indicate which activities you would be interested in.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Administration / committee member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Acting as a mentor for young nuclear workers / graduates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Participating in school or community information sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Writing information documents / articles for an association newsletter / media releases	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Attend / present papers at an association conference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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