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Dear Ms Byrne

Re: Remake of the Radiation Safety Regulation 2010

I am writing to advise that the Radiation Safety Regulation 2010 (the Regulation) is being remade ahead of its schedule expiry on 1 September 2021, and to seek your input on the draft Radiation Safety Regulation 2021.

The Regulation commenced on 1 September 2010, and was scheduled to expire on 1 September 2020. However, due to the impacts of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the expiry was extended by 12 months to 1 September 2021.

As the Radiation Safety Regulation is an important accompanying document to the *Radiation Safety Act 1999*, it is necessary that it continues to have effect beyond 1 September 2021, so the provisions of the Act can continue to be applied. This will ensure there are no disruptions to current practices involving radiation sources, and will also help to ensure consistency with national and international codes of practice and standards relating to radiation safety.

It is proposed the Regulation will be remade in its current form, with minor changes. Some parts of the Regulation have been re-structured or re-worded to, amongst other things, improve clarity and readability. A series of minor amendments are also being made to the Regulation to improve operational effectiveness. These amendments include:

- amending the prescribed period for certificates of compliance where a radiation apparatus is used under an approved quality assurance program;
- classifying all lasers above Class 1 as radiation apparatus to help ensure all lasers are properly classified and labelled;
- clarifying that the *Code of Practice for Radiation Protection in Dentistry (2005)* applies to both intra- and extra-oral dental diagnostic radiography;
- prescribing specific requirements for the disposal of reverse osmosis concentrate to facilitate the regulation of this material;
- providing an arrangement for recognising cosmetic laser training courses which will qualify a person for an exemption from the requirement to hold a use licence while undergoing training;

- increasing the list of radiation sources that are exempt from the requirements of parts of the Act;
- updating the list of authorised persons who are allowed to prescribe therapeutic or diagnostic procedures;
- updating and simplifying the provisions relating to fees;
- updating references to outdated documents;
- updating various definitions for terms used in the Regulation.

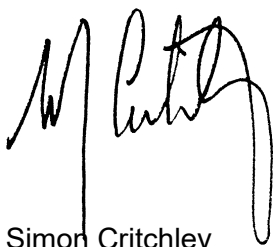
The proposed changes are intended to strengthen the legislative framework regulating radiation safety in Queensland.

I invite you to review the draft Radiation Safety Regulation 2021 (attached), and make a submission with any feedback you may have to rsreg@health.qld.gov.au. The consultation period for making a submission on the Radiation Safety Regulation 2021 is 28 June to 9 July 2021.

The Honourable Yvette D'ath, Minister for Health and Ambulance Services and Leader of the House will be advised of any queries or concerns you may have regarding the draft Radiation Safety Regulation 2021 ahead of its consideration by the Governor in Council.

Should you wish to make a submission, or require any further information in relation to this matter, please contact me on telephone 07 3328 9200 or via email at rsreg@health.qld.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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