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**Sent:** Thursday, 27 April 2023 1:25 PM  
**To:** s 47E - operations [redacted]@arpansa.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: As discussed [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi [redacted]

MR attached. Hoping it comes through this time. Let me know if it doesn't and I'll see if s47E( has any success in sending.

Cheers

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Hi [redacted]

Thank you for sending through the email – this is very helpful to us. Was the media release attached? I didn't receive an attachment at all.

Thanks

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Hi [redacted]

As discussed yesterday here is the current media release s47C

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Kind regards

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Assistant Secretary Media and Communications  
Nuclear Powered Submarine Taskforce

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**THE HON RICHARD MARLES MP**  
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER  
MINISTER FOR DEFENCE

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW AGENCY AND A NEW REGULATOR FOR  
AUSTRALIA'S NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINE PROGRAM**

The Albanese Government will establish a new agency and a new regulator as part of its commitment to delivering Australia's conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarines.

The Australian Submarine Agency (ASA) will be established by Executive Order and be responsible and accountable for the management and oversight of Australia's nuclear-powered submarine program.

The ASA will be responsible for cradle-to-grave management of Australia's nuclear-powered submarines, including:

- acquisition;
- delivery;
- construction;
- technical governance;
- sustainment; and
- disposal.

The agency will also enable the necessary policy, legal, non-proliferation, workforce, security and safety arrangements.

The Royal Australian Navy, led by the Chief of Navy, will continue to be responsible for submarine operations.

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The Nuclear-Powered Submarine Taskforce, which currently operates as part of Defence, will transition to the ASA on 1 July 2023.

The ASA will be headed by a Director General, the appointment of which will be announced by the Government at the appropriate time.

The Government will also establish a new independent statutory regulator, the Australian Nuclear-Powered Submarine Safety Regulator (the Regulator).

The new Regulator will have the functions and powers necessary to regulate the unique circumstances associated with nuclear safety and radiological protection across the lifecycle of Australia's nuclear-powered submarine enterprise. This includes associated infrastructure and facilities.

The new Regulator will be independent of the Australian Defence Force's chain of command and directions from the Department of Defence.

The new Regulator will be a fundamental part of a system of regulation. It will work with existing Australian regulators to support the safety of our submariners, Australian and international communities, and the environment.

Legislation will be introduced into the Parliament by the Government this year to establish the Regulator.

The ASA and the Regulator will both be non-corporate Commonwealth entities within the Defence portfolio and report directly to the Minister for Defence.

***Quotes attributable to Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Richard Marles MP:***

"The Albanese Government is delivering on its commitment to the acquisition of nuclear-powered submarines, which is the single biggest investment in our defence capability in our history.

"The establishment of the Australian Submarine Agency and the Australian Nuclear-Powered Submarine Safety Regulator are critical elements of delivering this game-changing capability.

"Together, the new agency and new regulator will ensure the safe and successful implementation of the pathway for Australia's acquisition of nuclear-powered submarines.

"The ASA will be responsible and accountable for delivering the ambitious program to acquire Australia's nuclear-powered submarines.

"A specialised and dedicated regulator – which will be independent of Defence and the Australian Defence Force – will ensure we have the highest standards of nuclear safety and radiological protection across the lifecycle of Australia's nuclear-powered submarines."

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