

1. *What is the detailed step by step process (in very practical terms) for submitting a licence application and its supporting documentation, including the mode of transmission, any covering email/letter format, formality/protocol/wording?*

  - ASA to email a cover letter and the licence application form to CEO ARPANSA (cc'd to s22 s22 Jim Scott and 'licenceadmin@arpansa.gov.au'. Please find attached letter and application; the remaining supporting documentation s33(a)(i) s22
  - DSN docs are okay to be provided in hard copy to s22 when s22 is at s33(a)(i)
  - TF advised that ASA is intending to lodge the cover letter and application form by COB 28 March 2024.
  - Separate, subsequent email to s22 (defence email) with link to objective folder containing the entire licence application and supporting documents; attach Tech Review reports/minutes
2. *Are we able to utilise a group email/inbox for the applicant, rather than the VADM's personal work email address?*

Yes, group email is fine, although s22 will not publish any email addresses that are provided anyway.
3. *Is the applicant's email published on the website?*

No.
4. *Will there be any intermittent engagements about the application/documents while ARPANSA is reviewing the licence application, and what is the process / protocol for this?*

Yes. Email or Skype teleconferences will be utilised when there are questions or clarifications required, pretty informal.
5. *What is the process / protocol for submitting additional supporting information to ARPANSA during the assessment period? For example, marine sediment contamination assessment and the terrestrial contamination assessment as previously noted.*

ASA simply sends an email to s22 notifying s22 of the additional inclusion and providing a link to the relevant document that is submitted (which should be saved in the identified ARPANSA licence assessment Objective folder).
6. *How and when does the ASA need to advise the suite of public facing documents for upload to ARPANSA website (i.e. the redacted copies)? How do we transmit those?*

  - s22 would like the web publishable (public access) docs ASAP, i.e. ideally within a week of lodgement because s22 needs to give public 4 weeks to comment; then assess and respond to those comments.
  - Discussion about what should be uploaded for public: Uploaded docs do not include appendices, attachments, and references; just the core supporting docs (i.e. Parts 0-9 and SAR). Keep it simple and straightforward, just intending to provide an overview of the CIF.
  - ASA is happy to defer to ARPANSA guidance on this, but ASA has already identified Part 0 and Part 1 as suitable for public domain, and perhaps SAR (with some redaction). s22 is happy to have a quick review of the supporting documentation package and then suggest to ASA what might be good for public consumption (negotiation/exchange). s22 has stated that the security plan would not be made public. The and radiation protection plan also will not be published if it is still classified as 'protected'. ~~documentation should not be made public.~~

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7. *Does ARPANSA intend to call for any public consultation town halls?*
  - No. However, a newspaper notice will be published in the Australian and the Western Australian newspapers, followed by notice/promotion on ARPANSA social media sites. This will be done as soon as the public consultation documents are uploaded. ~~(perhaps around mid-April?)~~ ASA would like to coordinate its public announcements and social media promotions with ARPANSA.
  - ASA needs to confirm this through the ASA Comms Team once they have completed current priority tasking. How do we coordinate how this happens and how we synchronise our engagements with the public? Points of contact?
  - ASA and ARPANSA Comms teams already have a good working relationship, so coordinating this should be straightforward. Once ASA has settled on a public media plan for this licence application, ASA should advise s22 and ARPANSA Comms team what that is and work collaboratively to synchronise media announcements and messaging.
8. *Discussion about coordination of issues briefs for our respective senior leaders and ministers. Points of contact, synchronise messaging/ responses.*
  - s22 advised that ARPANSA provides a brief to their minister about 1 week before the CEO issues the decision, and to date licence applications generally do not get raised in Parliament Question Time. s22 to seek advice from ARPANSA OCEO re whether a brief is needed upon receipt of the application and get back to ASA by end of the week. Nevertheless, TF advised that ASA is prepared to provide issues briefs to DPM, Health Minister and Environment Minister and minister to minister letters for heads up.
9. *What is the detailed step by step process (in very practical terms) for making payment for the licence application, include mode of payment, payment advice, timing in relation to submission date?*
  - s22s22 advised that shortly after licence application is submitted to CEO, ARPANSA generate an invoice with the nominated fee for payment. For ASA the fee will likely be \$11,000, and can be paid by credit card or bank transfer. TF advised he would like to pay it ASAP after receipt of invoice.
10. *What is the applicability of the 'possession' licence, and is this a step we need to consider between the construction and operation licences?*
  - s22 advised that the ~~Possession or Control~~ licence normally only applies to reactors, often as a step of custodianship once they are no longer operational but are ~~not yet decommissioned and awaiting decommissioning.~~ ownership is transferring from the operator to another entity, and is not likely ever to be applicable to the ASA CIF.
11. *What does the next iteration of licence supporting documentation look like?*
  - s22s22 advised that ARPANSA expects the ASA construction licence to include a detailed CIF design and detailed design specifications. Detailed specifications for key/primary systems such as ventilation, evaporation, ~~testing systems, storage containers,~~ the effluent treatment plant,

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the evaporator, the storage shelf design etc would be required. ; ~~we would require detailed specifics about movement of waste, storage of waste, treatment of waste, etc.~~

~~- Who is the builder? Who is conducting testing? What are the specifics of that testing regime?~~

Details re supply chain and factory acceptance testing where applicable would also be required as applicable to safety. - WRT plans and arrangements, ASA should begin delivering on commitments/undertakings made in the site prep documentation, and provide further details where ever possible.