TOPIC 17 – SECURITY AND NON-PROLIFERATION RISKS – DAY 1

Wednesday 25 November 2015
Conference Room, Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission
Level 5, 50 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Professor Henry Sokolski, The Nonproliferation Policy Education Centre (NPEC) (11am, by video-link)

Henry Sokolski is the Executive Director of NPEC, a not-for-profit organisation established in 1994 and based in Washington DC. NPEC seeks to promote an enhanced understanding of strategic weapons proliferation issues. Professor Sokolski also serves as an adjunct professor at the Institute of World Politics in Washington DC. In the past, Henry Sokolski has held positions including Deputy for Non-proliferation Policy in the Pentagon and as a member of the Central Intelligence Agency’s Senior Advisory Group. Between 2008 and 2010, Professor Sokolski served as a member of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Proliferation and Terrorism, which was established by the US Congress.

Topics to be addressed at this public session:

- The effectiveness of the regimes in place to address nuclear proliferation risks
- The implications of nuclear energy programs for international policy

Dr Robert Floyd, Australian Safeguards and Non-proliferation Office (ASNO) (1pm)

ASNO is the Commonwealth authority responsible for maintaining Australia’s commitments under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, its safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Australia’s other bilateral safeguards agreements. The Director General of ASNO undertakes the statutory functions of the Director of Safeguards, the Director, Chemical Weapons Convention Office and the Director, Australian Comprehensive Test Ban Office, and Robert Floyd was appointed to this position in 2010. In the past, Dr Floyd has held a number of senior positions in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet where he provided advice to the Prime Minister on policy issues including counter-terrorism, national security and counter-proliferation. Dr Floyd has been appointed as Chair of the International Atomic Energy Agency’s Standing Advisory Group on Safeguards Implementation.

Topics to be addressed at this public session:

- The proliferation and security risks which arise during nuclear fuel cycle activities
- Means and measures required to mitigate proliferation and security risks in the event of expanded nuclear fuel cycle activities in Australia