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**Australian Safeguards and
Non-Proliferation Office**

11 October 2011

The Hon Kevin Rudd MP
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I submit the Annual Report on the operations of the Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office (ASNO) for the financial year ended 30 June 2011. This report is made in accordance with section 51 of the *Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act 1987*, section 96 of the *Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Act 1994* and section 71 of the *Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Act 1998*.

During the reporting period all relevant statutory and treaty requirements were met, and ASNO found no unauthorised access to, or use of, nuclear materials or nuclear items of safeguards or security significance in Australia. All requirements were met under Australia's safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency and under the Chemical Weapons Convention, and further progress was made with activities in anticipation of the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. All Australian Obligated Nuclear Material was satisfactorily accounted for.

As outlined in this Report, ASNO continued its major contribution to advancing Australia's interests in effective measures against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction through our activities at the domestic, regional and international levels, and through working closely with colleagues in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra and Australia's diplomatic missions, and in other departments and agencies.

Yours sincerely

Dr Robert Floyd
Director General

GUIDE TO THE REPORT

This report complies with the formal reporting obligations of the Director General ASNO. It also provides an overview of ASNO's role and performance in supporting nuclear safeguards and the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

The report has five parts:

- a report by the Director General ASNO on key developments in 2010–11 and a preview of the year ahead
- a summary of current major issues
- a functional overview of ASNO, including its operating environment and outcomes-outputs structure—the first outcome demonstrates accountability to Government; the second outlines public outreach and education
- a report on ASNO's performance during 2010–11
- the key features of ASNO's corporate governance and the processes by which ASNO is directed, administered and held accountable.

Because ASNO is funded as a division of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), some mandatory annual report information for ASNO is incorporated in the DFAT Annual Report. This includes:

- financial statements
- corporate governance and accountability framework
- external scrutiny
- human resource management, including occupational health and safety
- asset management
- purchasing
- agency specific Social Inclusion strategies
- advertising and market research
- ecologically sustainable development and environmental performance.

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