

National Committee for Space and Radiation Science

A committee of the Australian Academy of Science



5. The Agency is a civil entity. Therefore, projects from industries whose primary source of income is derived from the production or distribution of munitions or the like should not be supported.
6. There needs to be clarity on what budget items will be supported: e.g. salaries, consumables, travel, other expenses, and on what and for whom. At present it seems that successful grants could be spent on almost anything. The application process should include submission of a detailed budget request, with prior approval required for significant variations. The various ARC schemes are good examples of how this can be implemented.
7. There must be reporting requirements including reporting expenditure against the approved budget, and means of assessing performance and terminating non-performing projects. Reporting should include statements for public release.
8. The requirement for 80% of the budget to be spent in Australia mitigates against buying-in to major international programs which may be able to provide significant