

## ON-GOING ACTIVITY

Date	Action
April 2002	ANSTO is issued with a licence to allow it to construct the proposed Replacement Research Reactor at Lucas Heights. Construction begins a few days later.
Sept 2002	Greenpeace challenges this decision in the Federal Court, but loses the case.
May 2003	Nuclear waste had been accumulating at Lucas Heights since 1963. Western Australia and South Australia state governments announce that they will fight any plans for an intermediate level waste dump in their states.
July 2003	The Federal Government takes over land in South Australia for a low level dump.
June 2004	The South Australian Government wins a Federal Court case and gets the land back. The Federal Government announces that the states should manage their own low level nuclear waste, and that intermediate level waste might be stored on Commonwealth land.
July 2004	The Australian Government announces that it will be examining sites on Commonwealth land, both onshore and off shore, for the establishment of a suitable waste facility. The announcement creates a furore.
August 2004 onwards	Arguments continue about the site of waste dumps. Various sites are considered or said to be considered, but no final selection is made. There is intense coverage in the media.
October 2004	The Federal Government wins the next election.
March 2005	The ARPANSA chief executive officer says that a satisfactory waste-management strategy must be in place before he will issue a licence to operate the new reactor. Meanwhile, the location of a waste store is not resolved.