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Jo has broad experience in a number of areas including nuclear licensing and regulation, nuclear safety, change management, transportation and environmental management. Her proficiency in nuclear safety has been acknowledged internationally through her participation in a number of International Atomic Energy Agency technical meetings and workshops focusing on reactor safety.

Jo is the President of Women in Nuclear Australia Inc. and holds the WiN Global Oceania Executive position. In 2018 she was named one of the 2019-2020 “Superstars of STEM”, an Australian program that aims to equip female STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) professionals with advanced communications skills to empower them to share their stories with the general public. The program seeks to encourage young females to consider a career in STEM, and also promotes communicating the importance of STEM to the media and to politicians. Jo uses her “Superstar” and WiN Australia President positions to communicate the benefits of nuclear technology to the community and encourage diversity in the nuclear workforce.

Jo holds a BE in environmental engineering and a PhD in geotechnical engineering, both from the University of Wollongong, Australia.