

ANSTO Commitment

ANSTO, Australia's national organisation for nuclear science and technology, is the custodian of the Australia's only nuclear research reactor. It plays a crucial role in advancing Australia's science and research priorities by driving innovative research and inspiring sustainable solutions. ANSTO provides products and services to improve human health, support industries, and protect the environment, benefiting both the Australian and international communities.

Committed to the core values of Safe, Secure, Sustainable, ANSTO prioritises the protection and enhancement of the community and natural environment. It strives to improve environmental performance in line with Australian Government legislation and policy. By managing environmental impacts through a hierarchy of controls and effective communication methods, ANSTO supports its staff in actively mitigating these impacts.

ANSTO and all its people are committed to preventing or minimising pollution and protecting the environment from its operations. It methodically assesses and manages environmental impacts, ensuring compliance with environmental obligations and embedding ecologically sustainable development principles in all activities. Staff and contractors receive training and awareness on environmental responsibilities to prevent adverse impacts.

Continuous improvement of the environmental management system is achieved through setting and reporting against clear targets and objectives. ANSTO promotes circular economy principles and sustainable procurement practices to reduce the environmental impact of products and services throughout their lifecycle and our people hold a shared responsibility for this. Waste, including radioactive waste, is managed to protect human health and the environment, now and in the future.

Working with Communities: building enduring beneficial relationships

We aim to enhance the health, wellbeing, and economic and social development of our communities by fostering relationships built on trust and care. We engage with community stakeholders in good faith on issues that directly impact them and maintain effective communication, ensuring community members are informed.

We continuously develop and deliver cultural awareness and competency training with input from Indigenous groups and other relevant agencies. We recognise and support diversity, inclusion, and equity as core values of our organisation. Additionally, we are committed to eradicating forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking, and child labour. We conduct annual reporting publicly on our environmental performance.

ANSTO Actions

- Ensure compliance with relevant Australian Government environmental legislation, regulation, and policies and other relevant requirements to prevent or minimise adverse impacts.
- Identify and manage our climate risks.
- Preserve heritage values on ANSTO's land and manage it in consultation with relevant stakeholders as part of our contribution to the preservation of the physical and intangible, natural and cultural artefacts and living stories inherited from past generations.
- Continue ANSTO's education and environmental initiative programs, including work of the ANSTO Discovery Centre to promote sustainable environmental management for all stakeholders.
- Where it aligns with ANSTO's long-term strategic planning objectives, conserve and improve the natural capital of the land we manage.
- Embed environmental considerations into all decision-making processes, and personal accountability.
- Support research and continual improvement in waste management undertakings and ensure that waste management activities are undertaken by competent staff who understand their tasks and their roles.
- Our people work together to ensure continuous improvement of our environmental management system, and ongoing certification to the ISO 14001 standard.