

Australian Institute of Policy and Science (AIPS): Strategic Priorities 2010 – 2013

Over coming decades, many critical and challenging public policy and regulatory issues as well as industry directions will require scientific input as well as engagement with the community and science and technology experts. Science and technology are integrally linked to contemporary social, economic, political, security, ethical and also cultural debate and issues. Choices and potential approaches to challenges such as water, energy, climate change, human health or food security are on the top of individual, community, industry and government agendas in Australia and globally. AIPS is dedicated to responding to these challenges and opportunities and to partnering with others to promote science, technology and education alongside participatory and informed public debate, social inclusion, well-being and sustainability.

Our strategic priorities are to:

Increase public engagement in science and technology and ensure people have a voice in decisions that affect them	Promote excellence in research, innovation and the promotion and communication of science	Inform and influence policy and policy-making through expert comment and input	Invest in a scientifically inspired, literate and skilled Australia that contributes to local and global challenges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilitate opportunities for public participation on key policy issues ▪ Explore and evaluate avenues for effective public participation in current policy debates with government, research and industry sectors ▪ Communicate the value and relevance of science to the community including youth ▪ Contribute to social inclusion through efforts to engage Australia's diverse society including the more disadvantaged ▪ Support the science community to be more effective in celebrating science with the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognise excellence in research, innovation and the promotion and communication of science ▪ Create role models for continuous generations of science leaders committed to public engagement and responsibility ▪ Facilitate the exchange of information and ideas within the science and technology community ▪ Support creative thought and innovation through making connections to the humanities and arts which inform policy debate and social choices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide independent platforms and fora for policy discussion and dissemination ▪ Facilitate opportunities for scientists to engage with policy makers in bipartisan debate ▪ Identify and pre-empt key policy issues ▪ Harness the best and independent scientific comment and research input on major policy issues ▪ Offer a respected source of informed, rational and inclusive comment on key public policy issues ▪ Broaden and support political involvement in the scientific sphere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Empower scientists to enter into policy debate processes ▪ Resource science education for teachers and students to support science curriculum developments, the uptake of science careers and increased science literacy ▪ Support social inclusion through collaboration to increase opportunities to learn science through education and training ▪ Aspire to address disadvantage across cultural and geographic diversity in all our work ▪ Support innovation in meeting Australia's workforce needs ▪ Facilitate regional and global knowledge, best practice and science responsibility sharing
<i>In striving to achieve these objectives, our values are:</i>		<i>To support our goals over 2010 - 2013, we also aim to:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Integrity ▪ Inclusiveness ▪ Innovation ▪ Inspiration ▪ Inquiry ▪ Independence and impartiality 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintain independence ▪ Achieve and grow financial sustainability ▪ Develop partnerships with government, industry, research, education and community partners ▪ Strive for excellence, learning and continuous improvement 	