

COMMUNIQUE

The second meeting of the NSW Asbestos Coordination Committee (NACC) was held on Monday 8 March 2021.

The focus of the meeting was how best to develop a robust Strategic Agenda, to allow the NACC to tackle the most important asbestos issues in NSW.

Outcomes Framework Model

The Committee welcomed a presentation and facilitated discussion from experts assisting the NACC to develop an Outcomes Framework Model for Asbestos - UTS and Rooftop Social.

The Outcomes Framework for Asbestos proposes a set of outcomes that Government agencies, public land managers, industry and the community are collectively focused on. With the prevalence of asbestos in the environment, it is critical that there is an agreed understanding of what we are all trying to achieve. It makes it easy to identify our strengths as well as the gaps we might have in government action.

The Outcomes Framework is a foundation piece in setting the NACC's strategic agenda and longer term workplans.

Developing the NACC's Strategic Agenda

The NACC is developing a Strategic Agenda to identify and prioritise actions that can make the greatest impact in eliminating exposure to asbestos within our community.

Members discussed how best to balance existing commitments with potential projects, given the tension between the number of priorities and resources available. The Committee supported the development of a risk framework that will allow the NACC to assess all actions against agreed criteria, to prioritise the most important.

The priorities identified through the risk assessment process and the Outcomes Framework will form the NACC's interim and longer-term Strategic Agenda. This will allow the NACC to continue its momentum and deliver early actions and leadership to Government, industry and the community.

Consultation

The Committee asked the Environment Protection Authority, supported by NACC agencies, to consult with stakeholders on the Outcomes Framework and to ask stakeholders what priorities should be set. This will commence shortly.

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Independent Chair

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