

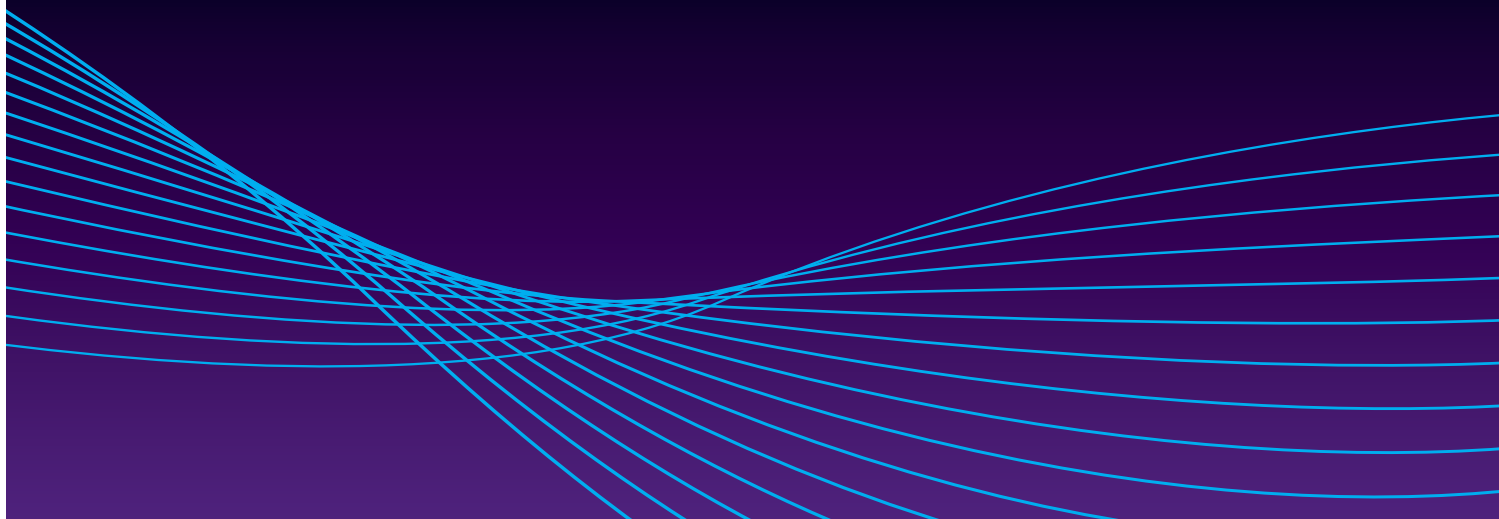


Australian Government  
Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

# RESEARCH FRAMEWORK



TOWARDS AN ASBESTOS-FREE AUSTRALIA



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The Research Framework outlines how the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency supports research related to asbestos risks in Australia through coordination, monitoring, promoting and commissioning research about asbestos safety in line with Section 8(f) of the *Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Act 2013*. This supports the agency's role to coordinate the *National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Management and Awareness*, which includes a research strategy, and the ultimate aim to eliminate asbestos-related disease in Australia.

The Research Framework supports a targeted approach to research and is overseen by the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Research Advisory Committee. The framework identifies priority research areas and activities to monitor and promote.

The research framework target asbestos and asbestos-related disease research activities to:

- Identify the risks
- Assess risks for action
- Evaluate the impact
- Disseminate and review

in order to prevent asbestos exposure and eliminate asbestos-related disease in Australia.

With advice from the Research Advisory Committee, the agency will:

- Monitor and promote the priority research areas with Australian researchers and proactively review international literature to maintain a register of key research to reduce sources of asbestos-related risk in Australia
- Maintain a webpage to promote Australian research projects
- Monitor and promote medical research and trials in Australia that relate to the treatment of asbestos-related disease.

The research framework is illustrated with focus areas, with a priority aim and key questions we are looking to answer.

FOCUS	PRIORITY AIM	KEY QUESTIONS
Identify the risks	To identify the current and future sources of risks posed by asbestos in Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Where are the current and future sources of asbestos exposure risks in Australia?</li><li>➤ What is the estimated amount of ACM in key areas?</li><li>➤ What areas should be given priority?</li></ul>
Assess risks for action	To assess options to minimise and eliminate risks posed by asbestos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ What are the different ways of managing and eliminating asbestos risks?</li><li>➤ What are the implications of different approaches for remediation and removal approaches?</li></ul>
Evaluate the impact	To evaluate the economic and social impact of asbestos and asbestos-related disease in Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ What are the most effective ways to eliminate risks posed by asbestos and why?</li><li>➤ What is the economic impact of asbestos in Australia, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the costs to manage asbestos containing material?</li><li>• the projected costs of asbestos-related disease?</li><li>• the secondary costs and loss of productivity associated with asbestos-related disease?</li></ul></li></ul>
Disseminate and review	To monitor, promote and share asbestos knowledge across Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ What existing information is available?</li><li>➤ What research is being undertaken?</li><li>➤ What are the emerging issues?</li></ul>