

# ASBESTOS: the next national plan

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## Workshop 2

National Strategic Plan - Phase Two



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# National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Awareness and Management 2019-2023:

## Consultation Workshops

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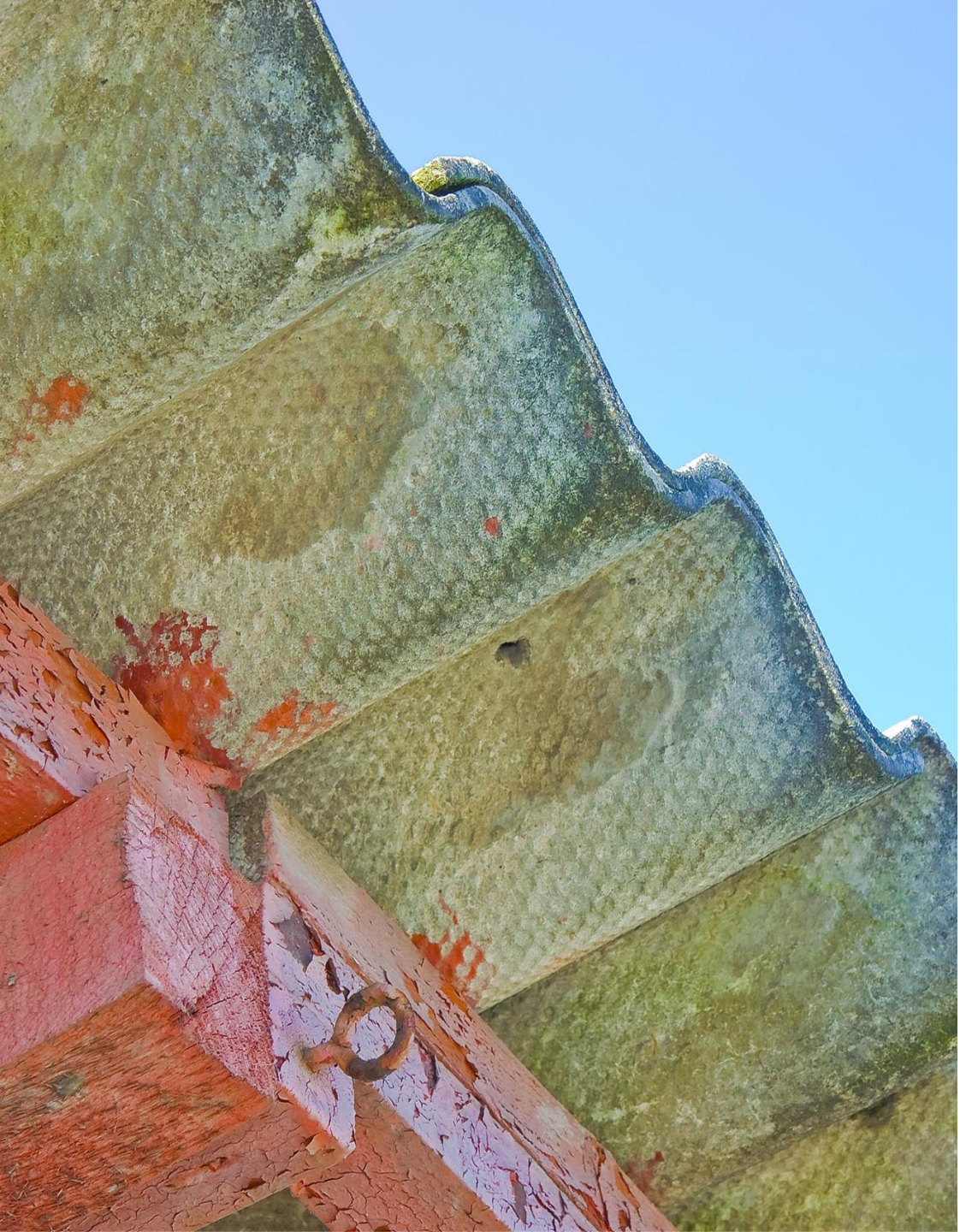
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# WORKSHOP RATIONALE: COLLECT YOUR COMMENTS ON NEW NSP2 - NATIONAL TARGETS

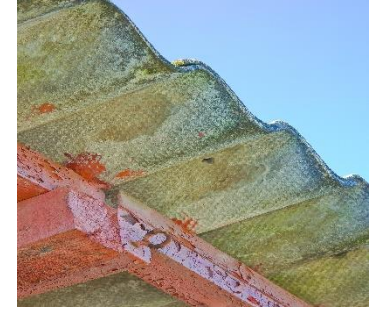
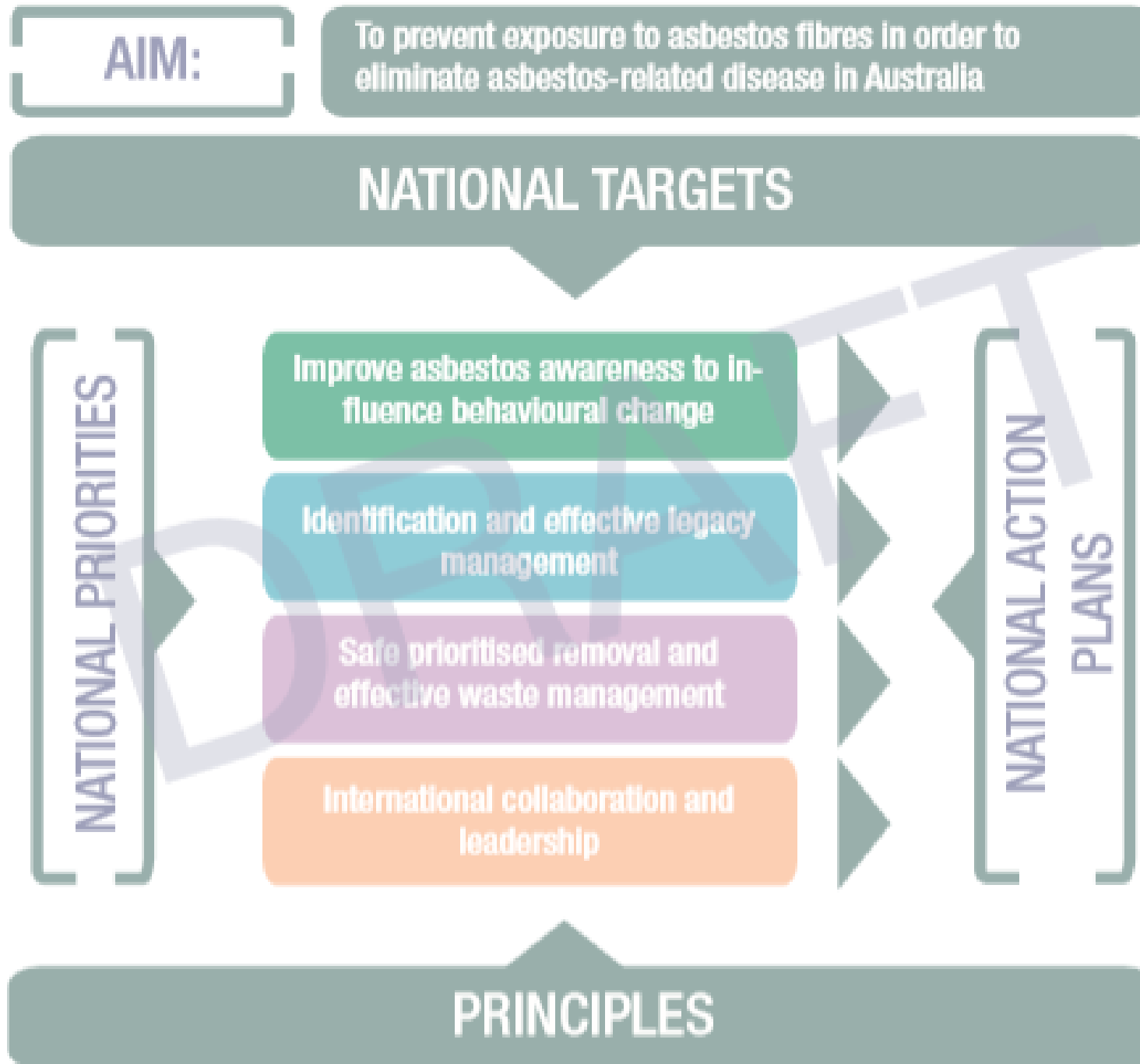
Draft NSP2 informed by:

- Asbestos Management Review June 2012 – including achievable targets; NSP1
- 26-28 November 2017 ASEA Summit, Canberra – participants comments and overall report
- ASEA research reports x 50+
- ASEC, BCDS and TRAC consultations
- Targeted stakeholder consultations

Today collecting insights on the targets through:

- Workshop discussions
- Online poll

# DRAFT NSP2 Overview





## Key changes from NSP1 to draft NSP2

- NSP1 2014-18 released 19 June 2015
- NSP1 included aim, 6 goals, 22 outcomes, 20 deliverables, 5 principles
- Draft NSP2 refreshed to include aim, 4 national priorities underpinned by strategic actions, 7 national targets, 5 principles
- NSP2 planned to be signed-off early 2019

# 1. Improve asbestos awareness to influence behavioural change

## Assumptions

- Accurate timely information and powerful communication messages will help change behaviour
- Government and non government groups need to collaborate

## Strategic actions

- Targeted comprehensive and nationally consistent asbestos awareness, advice and information campaigns for the community and workers
- Producing more practical information material on asbestos safety in the home, workplace and the environment
- Improving education and training about asbestos
- Establishing or maintaining trusted single sources of asbestos related information at a national and jurisdictional level
- Expanding and sharing research and information on ARDs to improve policy and practice
- Continuing to develop powerful awareness messages.





## 2. Identification and effective legacy management

### Assumptions

- Large amounts of ageing ACM in commercial buildings and infrastructure
- We need to know where it is
- It must be managed safely
- Natural disasters disturb ACM

## Strategic actions

- Identifying and promoting robust models for identifying and grading ACM
- Promoting practical and effective information on how to stabilise and contain ACMs in homes, workplaces and the environment
- Collaborating to develop a national picture of where ACMs are located in homes, commercial and public buildings and infrastructure
- Improving asbestos-related legal frameworks and effective enforcement of relevant laws by all regulatory agencies
- Encouraging effective management of asbestos-contaminated land
- Governments reviewing and revising emergency and natural disaster planning.



### 3. Safe prioritised removal and effective waste management

#### Assumptions

- ACM in poor condition will need to be removed
- Waste material needs to be safely managed
- This needs planning, systems and budgets

### Strategic actions

- Tools for prioritising removal of ACMs are tested, promoted and used
- Developing and sharing jurisdictional policies on prioritised removal of ACM from government occupied and controlled buildings, land and infrastructures
- Encouraging prioritised removal of ACMs by commercial premise owners from buildings, land and infrastructure
- Incentives to encourage the safe removal and disposal of ACMs from homes
- Safe removal and disposal of ACMs from homes
- Improving quality of asbestos-related training and ensuring effective oversight of licensing regimes
- Ensuring reasonable availability, accessibility and cost of disposal facilities for ACMs waste.





## 4. International collaboration and leadership

### Assumptions

- Total world-wide ban on trade of asbestos and ACMs achievable
- We need to stop illegal importation of ACMs

## Strategic actions

- Australian Government's position on banning asbestos mining and manufacture continues to be presented to relevant international bodies and events
- Sharing best practice approaches to asbestos awareness and management and eradication of ARDs with international bodies
- Proactive international engagement to identify and manage ACM importation risks
- Continued education import supply chain to prevent ACMs entering Australia.



# PRINCIPLES TO UNDERSCORE NSP2 ACTIVITIES



**Evidence-based decision making** - using robust scientific evidence. To inform decisions and priority setting we will identify, analyse and disseminate high quality Australian and international evidence and where gaps exist commission national data and research. Robust metrics will allow transparent comparisons across jurisdictions and over time measure progress against the NSP 2019-23 targets.

**Consultation, collaboration and cooperation** - as planning and management of asbestos involves all tiers of government and partnerships with business and key non-government bodies, our actions will be planned and delivered using respectful consultation, collaboration and cooperation. Asbestos is a matter of serious public concern and where required participation from relevant members of the community will be sought.



# PRINCIPLES TO UNDERSCORE NSP2 ACTIVITIES



**Transparency** - our actions will be developed and conducted in an open and transparent manner so stakeholders have access to the relevant information. Wherever practical our actions will be evaluated and the outcomes shared and publicly reported.

**Precaution** - a proactive and cautious approach will be used to ensure the risks of asbestos exposure to all Australians are considered and addressed in any NSP 2019-23 actions.



**Sharing best practice** - our actions and the NSP 2019-23 resources will be designed to suit our target audiences, boost innovation, reduce duplication across jurisdictions and drive continuous improvement.

# Collective collaborative efforts needed

- Australian Governments  
State and Territory and local governments
- Regulators
- Businesses
- Employer representatives
- Worker representatives and unions
- Home occupiers
- ARD groups
- Researchers
- International partners
- Home owners
- Specialist and professional bodies
- Media
- Others





# Collective efforts by Governments needed



## Government agencies

A range of Commonwealth, state and territory and local government agencies have the overarching role to develop policy.

They set the strategic direction and have responsibility for the different aspects of the legislative framework for asbestos safety.



## Regulators

Commonwealth and state and territory regulators all play a vital role enforcing compliance with a network of laws that deal with or touch on asbestos-safety matters.



## Local governments

As the level of government closest to builders and DIY home renovators, local governments play a vital role in asbestos safety.

They have an important role educating their communities and often have responsibility for local asbestos waste, and disaster management and coordination.





# Together with non-government groups

- Home owners and occupiers
- Businesses manage their asbestos risks workers and others
- ARD advocacy and support groups
- Employer representatives
- Unions and worker representatives
- Researchers and universities
- Specialist advisers
- Training organisations
- Media and other communication providers

# NEXT STEPS NATIONAL ACTION PLANNING



# NSP2 National 2023 Stretch targets



- Help us remain focused and measure our progress over the next five years
- Reflect our combined strategic efforts under each national priorities
- Focus on prevention of exposure now and into the future



# National target BY 2023



Increased awareness of the health risks of ACMs and where to source information:

1

- a. all tradespersons whose work bring them into contact with ACMs;
- b. all workers in workplaces with ACM;
- c. 80% of homeowners, landlords and real estate agents; and
- d. 50% of the general public

# National target BY 2023



2

All governments have identified and assessed the risks associated with ACMs in publicly owned or controlled buildings and infrastructure

# National target BY 2023



3

All jurisdictions have systems, timelines and processes for the prioritised safe removal of ACMs from public buildings and infrastructure and the safe disposal of that material

# National target BY 2023



4

All commercial building owners and managers have up-to-date asbestos registers and management plans which are actively being implemented



# National target BY 2023



5

All regulators have implemented appropriate enforcement activities including prosecuting known serious breaches of asbestos-related laws including of illegal waste disposal and importation

# National target BY 2023



6

Easier waste disposal options and cheaper waste disposal facilities

# National target BY 2023



7

Bans of asbestos production and use in South East Asia has been achieved



# National targets discussions

## 60 mins for 2 target discussions

Start with the target on your table, then pick one other to discuss

### Questions

- Do you support this target, why or why not?
- If no what is alternative and how would it fit with the priority?

Then for this target

- How could it be measured? (data sources and method)
- Is it feasible to measure within 12-18 months?

# Rate the three most important targets



Before you go.....

Walk around the other displays and use your stickers to rate the three most important targets





# SESSION WRAP

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