



ASBESTOS SAFETY

ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2019-20

Who we are

The Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency (ASEA) was established in 2013 to administer the National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Management and Awareness (NSP).

ASEA is a non-corporate entity under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*. The CEO is appointed under the *Asbestos Safety and Eradication Act 2013* (the Act) and performs functions in accordance with that Act. ASEA staff are engaged under the *Public Service Act 1999*.

ASEA's Aim

To assist the prevention of exposure to asbestos fibres in order to eliminate asbestos-related diseases in Australia by coordinating the implementation of the NSP.



What is the NSP?

The National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Management and Awareness ensures there is a nationally consistent and coordinated approach to asbestos awareness, management and removal.

It outlines a phased approach to eliminating asbestos-related diseases in Australia. Phase one went from 2014–2018 (NSP 2014–2018) with phase two going from 2019–2023 (NSP 2019–2023).

NSP 2019-2023 contains four national priorities which meet the requirements in the Act.



1. Improve asbestos awareness to influence behavioural change



2. Identification and effective legacy management



3. Safe prioritised removal and effective waste management



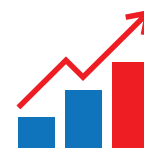
4. International collaboration and leadership

NSP 2019-2023 also contains eight national targets to measure progress against the national priorities. It is also ASEA's corporate plan.

A snapshot of the problem...



4000 DEATHS EACH YEAR FROM ARDs



3RD WAVE HAS NOT PEAKED YET



3000 PRODUCTS CONTAINING ASBESTOS



6300 TONNES ILLEGALLY DUMPED PER YEAR

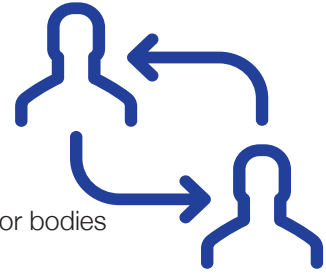


NO KNOWN SAFE LEVEL OF EXPOSURE

ASEA's functions

ASEA is not a regulator. Its key functions under the Act are to:

- Encourage, coordinate, monitor and report on the implementation of the NSP as well as reviewing and amending the plan as required and publishing and promoting it.
- Liaise with Commonwealth, State, Territory, local and other governments, agencies or bodies about reviewing and implementing the plan or asbestos safety.
- Commission, monitor and promote research about asbestos safety.



Our 2019-20 Operational Plan

This plan describes the activities to be undertaken by ASEA in performing its statutory functions during 2019-20, within a total operating budget of \$3.313m.

ASEA's functions fall into three broad categories which overlap and feed into each other.

		Category		
		National Strategic Plan	Liasing with government and non-government bodies	Research
Activity	NSP 2019-2023 finalised, launched and promoted	Hold 2019 Asbestos Safety Conference	Annual awareness survey conducted	
	NSP 2019-2023 reporting and evaluation framework finalised	Collaborate to develop a national picture of where asbestos containing materials are located	Identify and detail leading Australian research on asbestos-related disease	
	Identify and develop new sources of data to measure progress against national targets	Identify and distribute best practice approaches to asbestos management and removal	Research incentives to encourage the safe removal and disposal of asbestos containing materials from residential and commercial properties	
	Develop national action plans for consultation	Support the whole of government strategy to preventing asbestos containing materials entering Australia	Commission other research to support the implementation of NSP 2019-2023	
	Develop and distribute consistent awareness messages	Develop an asbestos resource and information package for local governments		
	Identify gaps in, and improvements to, asbestos-related training	Assist South-East Asia and Pacific countries implement asbestos bans		
	Identify gaps in, and improvements to, asbestos-related laws	Enhance the process for the issuing of permits to import asbestos		

Performance measurement

The effectiveness of these activities will assist in ensuring there is a nationally consistent and coordinated approach to asbestos awareness, management and removal.

Performance will be measured against the Key Performance Indicators included in ASEA's 2019-20 Budget Statements and reported in its Annual Report.

