



Australian Antarctic Science Council

Revision of the Australian Antarctic Science Strategic Plan 2011-12 to 2020-21

Dear Stakeholder

The Australian Antarctic Science Council has been established to provide independent advice to Government on the Australian Antarctic science research priorities. This includes oversight of the revision of Australia's Antarctic science strategic plan and strategies, including priority research areas in the context of Australia's national Antarctic interests.

The current science strategic plan has been in operation since 2011-12 and is due to lapse in 2020-21. The Council has been tasked with developing the next Antarctic science strategic plan.

To assist the Council to develop this Antarctic science strategic plan, stakeholders are invited to provide input on a number of key areas of enquiry. In particular the Council would appreciate your input and advice on:

- The relevance and applicability of key policy drivers and questions in the current Australian Antarctic Science Strategic Plan for the next five to ten years.
- The appropriateness of the thematic structure of the Australian Antarctic Science Program as outlined in the current science strategic plan and any proposed changes to the design or scope of the thematic research areas.
- Any new or emerging issues, questions or other priorities relevant to Australia's Antarctic Science Program that should be reflected in a new science strategic plan.
- Any other issues or observations relevant to the delivery of the Australian Antarctic Science Program that should be reflected in the new science strategic plan.

You may find the following resources of assistance in your considerations:

- [Australian Antarctic Science Strategic Plan 2011-12 to 2020-21](#)
- [Australian Antarctic Science Program Governance Review](#), December 2017, Drew Clarke AO PSM FTSE
- [Australian Antarctic Science Program Governance Review, Australian Government Response](#), June 2018
- [Australian Antarctic Strategy and 20 Year Action Plan](#)

The Council's Secretariat is also available should you have any further questions about this consultation process. We would appreciate your comments sent to the Council Secretariat by Friday 13 September, 2019. The Secretariat can be contacted on aasc@antarctica.gov.au

Thank you in advance for your interest and input into shaping the future of Australia's Antarctic Science Program.

Yours sincerely



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