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Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing
NICNAS

STRATEGIC PLAN 2012 –14

National Industrial Chemicals Notification and
Assessment Scheme—NICNAS

Our vision

NICNAS helps protect all Australians and the environment from harmful effects of industrial chemicals.

Our mission

Our mission is the notification and assessment of industrial chemicals for the protection of human health and the environment through scientific excellence and regulatory efficiency to deliver the safe and sustainable use of chemicals.

Our key priorities

Safer use of chemicals as a result of:

- promoting the use of recent categories for new chemicals to facilitate innovation
- prioritising and assessing chemicals of concern on the national inventory
- progressing a strategy to support the management, introduction and safe use of nanomaterials.

Increased efficiency of our regulatory framework as a result of:

- implementing relevant reforms arising from the Productivity Commission Report on Chemicals and Plastics Regulation and Better Regulation Ministerial Partnership
- adopting and utilising best practice Australian and international approaches and partnerships
- implementing online registration and upgrading the NICNAS web site.

Improved engagement with stakeholders as a result of:

- implementing an agreed process for consolidating stakeholder and community engagement.

Our goals

Our key goals for 2012-14 are:

- scientific assessments that are high quality, represent best practice and that are cost effective, produced to time and meet stakeholder needs
- a compliance program that is robust and proactive
- financial and business management that is accountable, robust and transparent
- stakeholders who are well informed, responded to and actively engaged
- an adaptable work environment that is efficient and high performing with innovative individuals and teams.

The strategies and activities to achieve these goals, together with performance measures, are detailed in the annual NICNAS Business Plan.

Our values

The following values underpin all of our work:

- scientific excellence, quality, integrity, service, responsiveness and credibility.