ACT Government

Refreshing the ACT Water Strategy

Information on the updated draft ACT Water Strategy 2024-2044

Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

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The *ACT Water Strategy 2014-2044: Striking the Balance* (the Strategy) guides the Territory's water supply, management and catchment. After 10 years of the Strategy, the ACT Government has reviewed and updated it.

This is a summary of the changes made to the updated draft Strategy. You can find the draft on YourSay and the current strategy on the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate website.

Areas for improvement

The Strategy has been updated to guide actions that address the impacts of climate change, population growth and urbanisation. The Strategy has also been updated to strengthen how it functions.

Changes to the Strategy

The updated draft Strategy was developed with input from agencies involved in water management in the ACT. The main changes are:

- focusing more on strategic direction and aspirations
- improving monitoring and evaluation
- changing reporting requirements to support information sharing
- adding a fourth outcome area.

Monitoring and evaluation

This diagram shows how proposed evaluation and monitoring will look in the update draft Strategy.

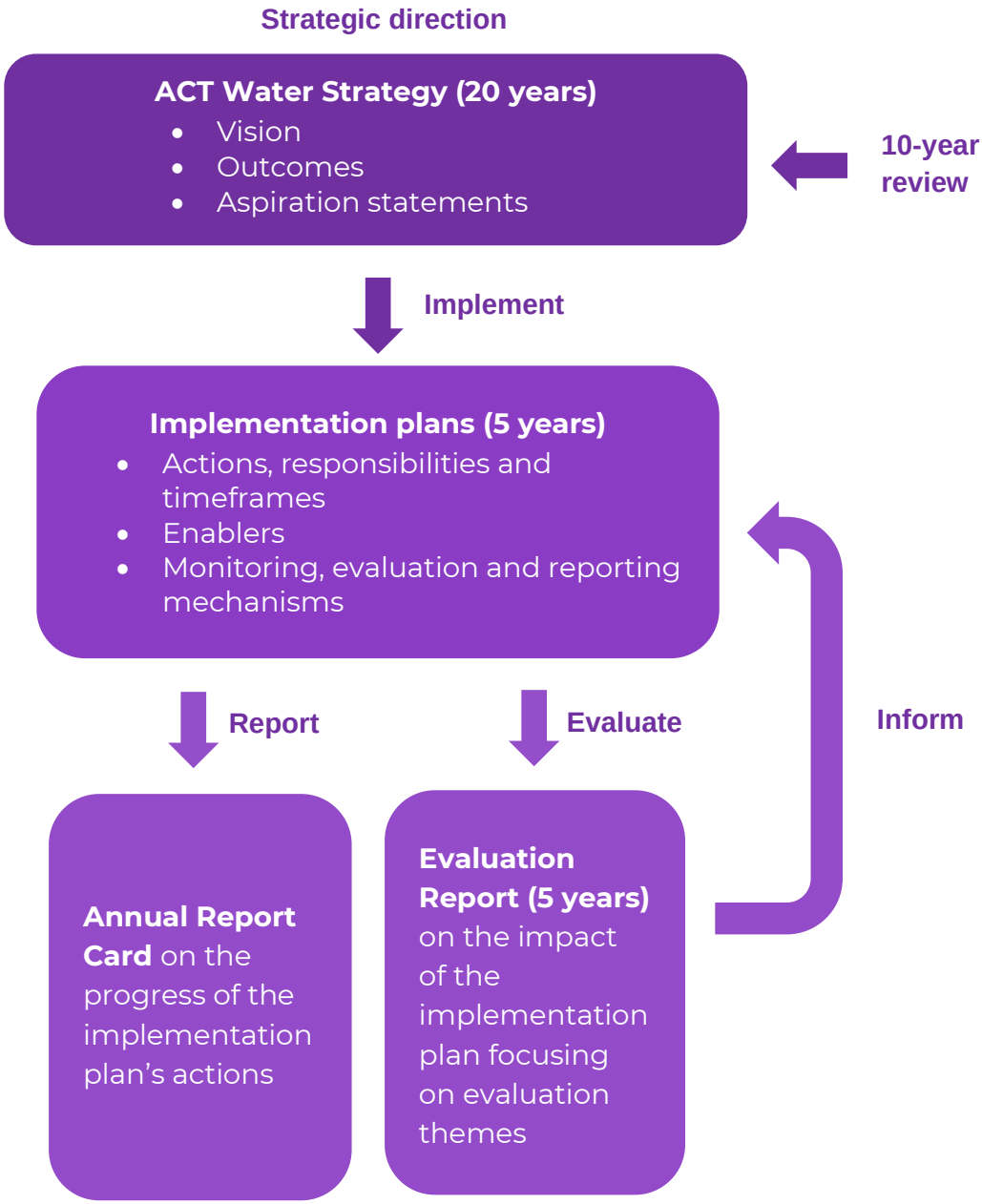


Figure 1 Framework of the refreshed ACT Water Strategy

Implementation plans

The Strategy includes five-yearly implementation plans. These will now be more action-focused. They will include monitoring, evaluation, responsibilities and timeframe requirements.

Annual report card

The ACT Government will create a yearly report card that monitors progress on actions.

Evaluation report

The ACT Government will produce an evaluation report every 5 years. This evaluation will guide the priorities of the next implementation plan.

A new outcome area and updated vision

Vision

The draft Strategy's vision has been updated to reflect the collaboration of various stakeholders. To show this collaborative approach, we removed the word 'community'.

Updated vision

Working together, managing water wisely to support a vibrant, sustainable and thriving region.

Outcome areas

The draft Strategy now has four outcome areas. The new area focuses on the water interests and values of Traditional Custodians.

Aspiration statements have also been added to each outcome. These aspirations set a clear endpoint that we wish to achieve by the end of the Strategy period. Implementation plans and reporting will show how we are working towards achieving these aspirations.

The figure on the next page shows these changes. For each outcome, there is an explanation. These explanations are further expanded in the draft Strategy as aspiration statements.



Figure 2 A diagram showing the outcome changes, including the addition of a fourth outcome area

Providing feedback

We'd like to know your thoughts on our updated draft Strategy. Want to provide feedback? To contribute to the updated Strategy complete the online survey on YourSay.