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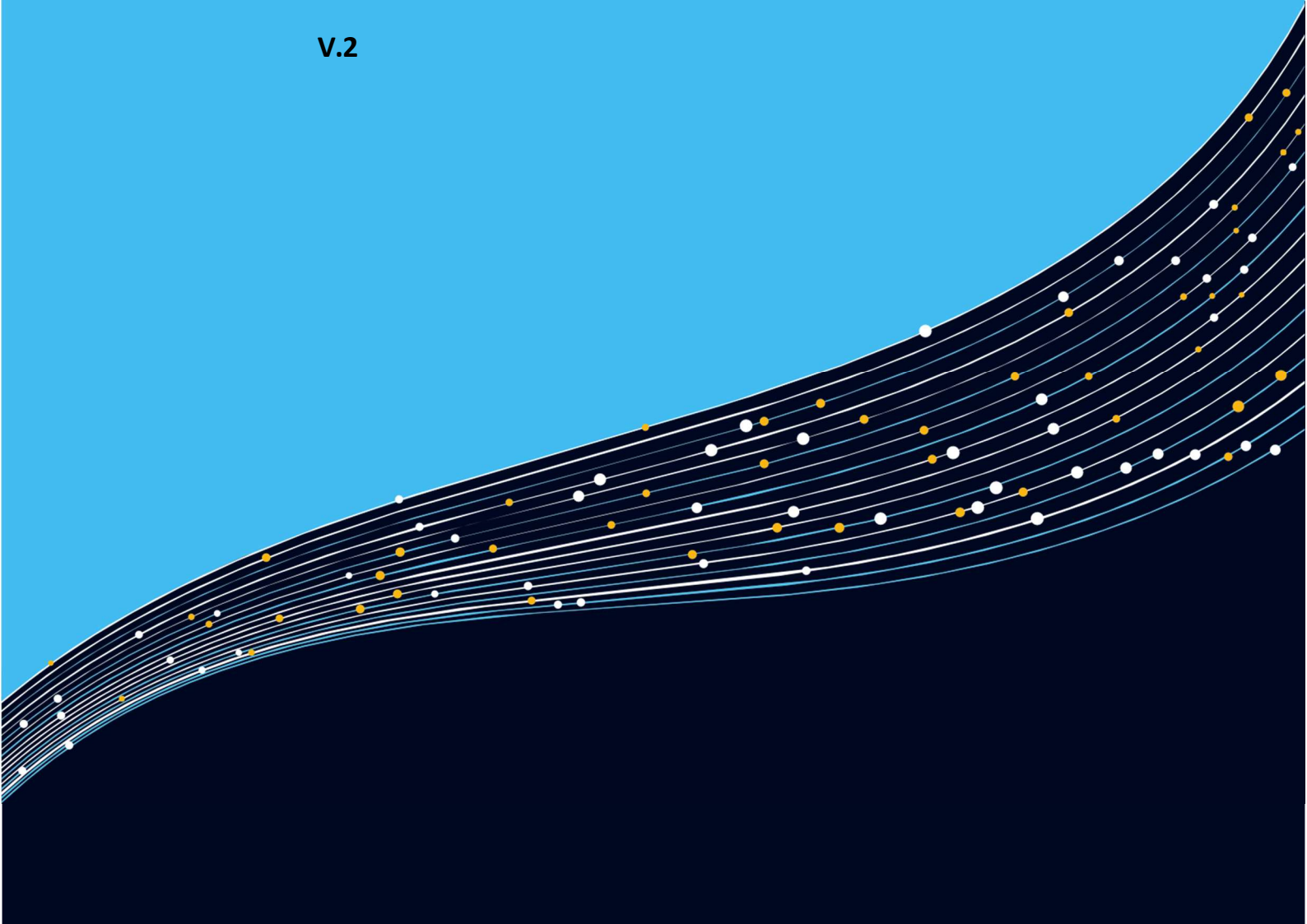
EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN

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ACCOUNTABLE AUTHORITY SIGN-OFF

The Australian Government released the Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy in November 2023, setting out an overall approach and action required by Commonwealth entities to achieve the Australian Public Service (APS) Net Zero 2030 target.

The Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy (NZGO Strategy) represents a strong commitment by the Australian Government to lead by example on emissions reduction and contribute to the decarbonisation of Australia's economy.

The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) and Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) are committed to the progression of the Government's APS Net Zero 2030 target. The ACIC will aim to comply within a reasonable standard to reduce our non-operational emissions where it does not compromise operational and capability requirements as a security agency and contribute to the APS Net Zero 2030 target.

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PURPOSE

The ACIC is responsible for implementing and managing its outputs in line with the Australia Government's NZGO Strategy developed by the Department of Finance. The NZGO Strategy sets out the Australian Government's approach to achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions from its operations by 2030 and the reinstatement of public emissions reporting.

The goal of this Emissions Reduction Plan is to provide a pathway for the ACIC to achieve the APS Net Zero 2030 target through its emissions reduction activities. The plan includes existing and new priorities and actions.

This Emissions Reduction Plan has been completed according to the NZGO Strategy, associated guidance and reporting standards for annual emissions reporting.

Note: This Emissions Reduction Plan covers both the ACIC and AIC.

Net Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions

APS Net Zero 2030 target aims to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions from government operations by 2030. This encompasses scope 1 and scope 2 emissions from activities conducted within Australia and its territories, as outlined in the NZGO Strategy. The target applies collectively to non-corporate Commonwealth entities and typically extends across the entirety of each entity's organisation.

This means minimising scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions within our control. The ACIC is defined under the NZGO Strategy as a security agency. Security agencies will take action to reduce their emissions aligned with the NZGO Strategy and will set emissions reduction targets where this does not compromise operational and capability requirements. Both emissions reporting and target setting will be set and reported on an aggregate level, with appropriate tailoring required.

Governance and reporting

In accordance with reporting requirements under the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 (PGPA Act) and s516A of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) the ACIC will report our progress against actions identified within this Emissions Reduction Plan, and any additional measures adopted, in our annual reports. In combination with our annual emissions reporting, we will measure ACIC's progress towards reducing its emissions.

As part of the Net Zero in Government Operations Annual Progress Report, the Department of Finance will aggregate these measures to provide Whole of Australian Government (WoAG) emissions reporting. Future iterations of this plan will align with additional WoAG Arrangements and Commonwealth Climate Disclosure requirements, will be reviewed annually and operational

oversight will be undertaken by the Chief Sustainability Officer.

ACIC Operational Context

The ACIC operates across all Australian states and territories with 900 personnel nationally housed in leased offices to support delivery of our services. Operational activities have been excluded from the emissions reduction target setting, due to the sensitivity and classified nature of our operations. Current and future target setting for emissions reduction will not compromise ACIC's operational and capability requirements.

Baseline Emissions

Baseline emissions (table 1) are a record of historic greenhouse gases and were produced prior to the introduction of strategies to reduce emissions. The baseline emissions from financial year 2022–23 (location based) are the reference point against which emissions reduction actions will be measured.

Table 1 - Location-based greenhouse gas emissions inventory 2022-23

Emission Source	Scope 1 t CO ₂ -e	Scope 2 t CO ₂ -e
Electricity	N/A	1,364.447
Natural gas	0	N/A
Fleet and other vehicles	369.401	N/A
Other Energy	0	N/A
Total t CO₂-e	369.401	1,364.447

t CO₂ -e = tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions

N/A = not applicable under the APS Net Zero Emissions Reporting Framework

Note: Figures include emissions for the Australian Institute of Criminology.

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

For ACIC to contribute to the achievement of the APS Net Zero 2030 target, targeted action on existing emissions reduction measures and the introduction of further or new measures is required. These actions are summarized by category below.

Energy

ACTION #	ACTION	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE
1.1	Participate in the WoAG electricity purchasing arrangement currently being established by the Department of Finance.	Completed	N/A	2025
1.2	We will aim for 80% of non-operations electricity consumption through our PSP that is generated off-site to be renewable electricity where available and permitted under leases and market conditions.	Not commenced	2026	2030
1.3	We will aim for 100% of non-operations electricity consumption through our PSP that is generated off-site to be renewable electricity where available and permitted under leases and market conditions.	Not commenced	2030	2032

Buildings

ACTION #	ACTION	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE
2.1	New leases will preference and consider all-electric buildings, with consideration of the location, affordability and available lease arrangements.	Underway	2025	2030

2.2	New leases over 1,000sqm will aim to achieve minimum 5.5-star NABERS energy rating for metropolitan sites and 4.5-star rating for regional sites and maintain current properties at these ratings (during negotiations with landlords).	Underway	2025	2030
2.3	New office refurbishments greater than 1,000sqm, will consider a 5.5 star or higher NABERS energy rating, within reason and affordability.	Underway	2025	2030
2.4	All new office leases with allocated parking will consider premises that carry a percentage of electric vehicle parking and charging, where feasible and within consideration of the location and available lease arrangements in the vicinity.	Underway	2025	2030

Travel

ACTION #	ACTION	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE
3.1	ACIC will comply with existing travel policies for WoAG Arrangements and improve our access to the greenhouse gas reporting through usage of the NABERS Data Centre rating tool.	Underway	2025	2030
3.2	ACIC will prioritise CTM travel against the WoAG Cost Reduction Strategies to provide our employees with both the most cost effective and energy efficient options.	Underway	2025	2030

Fleet

ACTION #	ACTION	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE
4.1	50% of new passenger vehicle orders to be low emissions vehicles (LEVs) where their primary purpose is non-operational.	Underway	2025	2027

4.2	Where LEVs are not commercially or operationally viable for vehicle selection, we will apply relevant fuel efficiency criteria (refer to the Green Vehicle Guide) to reduce emissions and meet WoAG Arrangements.	Not commenced	2026	2030
4.3	Review annual fleet policy, fuel data reporting in line with the Climate Action in Government Operations, to consider where possible, fleet performance, vehicle utilisation, fuel consumption and emissions to identify opportunities for fleet optimisation. These reviews will only consider vehicles where the primary purpose is non-operational.	Not commenced	2026	2030

Procurement

ACTION #	ACTION	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE
5.1	Continue to apply the Environmentally Sustainable Procurement Policy (DCCEEW) for construction services greater than \$7.5M (including GST) total estimated procurement value.	Underway	2025	2027
5.2	Promote and track participation in Environmentally Sustainable Procurement eLearning module produced by the Department of Finance, accessible by APS Officials through APS Academy at a completion rate of 60% of ACIC panel members.	Not Commenced	2026	2027

Information and Communication Technology

ACTION #	ACTION	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE
6.1	For new data centres, ACIC will procure services from suppliers who are listed within the Australian Government's Data Centre Panel and will use the NABERS Data Centre rating tool with our direct arrangements with data centre suppliers.	Underway	2025	2030