



AFP

Commissioner's Statement of Intent

The AFP is committed to its mission of defending and protecting Australia and Australia's future from domestic and global security threats.

The AFP is a national security agency. All disruptions, investigations and functions enable the AFP to protect Australia's sovereignty and future prosperity. This extends to safeguarding the welfare of the next generation, which is extremely vulnerable to technology, misinformation and radicalisation.

Section 8 of the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979* (Cth) (AFP Act) outlines the policing services we deliver, informed by the AFP's Ministerial Direction issued by the Minister for Home Affairs.

The complex geopolitical and domestic threats facing Australia and our region requires a new AFP for an uncertain and unpredictable world.

To deliver on our mission, the AFP has adopted a new strategy that is underpinned by five priorities, including;

Futureproofing our workforce

AFP members are dedicated, hard-working and crucial to whole-of-government efforts to keep Australia safe. A futureproof workforce – which is thriving, diverse, unified and trusted – provides the organisational resilience to meet and adapt to emerging challenges. The AFP prioritises attracting and retaining the best members, by providing career pathways and mobility, health and wellbeing support, facilities, equipment and training. The AFP's clear mission focused on defending and protecting Australia and Australia's future from domestic and global security threats draws and retains members who believe in service to country.

The new AFP Strategy, combined with integrity, trust and accountability are the foundation for the AFP's actions and decisions. The AFP is committed to our strong financial management practices and robust corporate governance. The AFP focuses on building public trust through accountability and transparency of actions.

Supercharging global operations

The AFP will amplify its impact globally to better defend and protect Australia and Australia's future. Members posted offshore are the AFP's edge when it comes to disrupting, frustrating, and targeting organised crime. The AFP will be the police brokers for the many investigations that have an overseas nexus. The AFP will directly target overseas criminals and actors, including those who are trying to undermine Australia's national security by fueling fear in our suburbs.

It means:

- the AFP will initiate, and look for opportunities, to take more deliberate and new actions with overseas law enforcement partners to help protect and defend Australia; and;
- the AFP will identify and work with trusted non-traditional partners, to stop criminality in the country it originates in.

Defending Australia's domestic security and our region

The AFP will provide policing and protective services to defend and protect the Australian community and our region. The AFP will prioritise global and national threats and criminals who are impacting, or will impact, Australia's sovereignty, democracy and prosperity. The AFP will focus on disrupting threats before they cause harm to Australia, working with Pacific partners to build collective resilience against regional threats, and targeting high-harm and high-value targets with a direct nexus to national security. Our visible policing and protective services duties in public places will build community trust and deter and prevent crimes and potential threats. In Australia, the AFP will help protect high office holders and Commonwealth parliamentarians, designated airports, places of significance and the ACT community.

As a reliable and trusted international leader in law enforcement, the AFP's principles firmly adhere to the rule of law and sharing information and capabilities that help keep all countries safe.

Protecting vulnerable communities

The AFP will protect vulnerable communities from harm and exploitation, including from radicalisation, child exploitation or those being targeted by violence or hatred. The AFP will prioritise social cohesion and be agile in responding to those who are seeking to damage Australia's social fabric and create division and violence. The AFP will focus on intervening early to minimise harm and building resilience through trusted collaborations with the community and our partners. The AFP is a trusted agency that will use public messaging to educate the public about Commonwealth crime trends to help keep them safe but also to deter criminality.

Investing in science and technology-led capability

The AFP will embrace science and technology to stay ahead of threats and empower our people to best deliver on our mission. We will prioritise keeping pace with our adversaries' capabilities and making it easier and safer for our people to do their job; overlayed with governance to ensure responsible and ethical use. This includes embracing artificial intelligence and big data management tools to optimise our operating environment.



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