

APPI Impact Framework

Delivering for the public good



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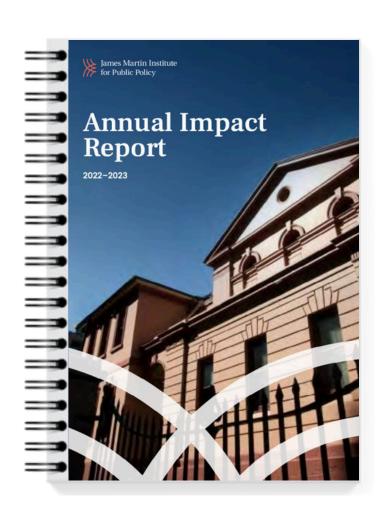
Understanding APPI's impact

APPI exists to support governments to deliver policy solutions on complex challenges, informed by leading research and diverse expertise, that have significant benefits for the people of Australia.

Working closely with a group of expert advisors across our university partners, APPI has developed a rigorous approach to capturing the impact of our work through a dedicated Impact Framework. As a bridge between experts and policymakers, APPI catalyses real impact for people and communities through the development of better public policy.

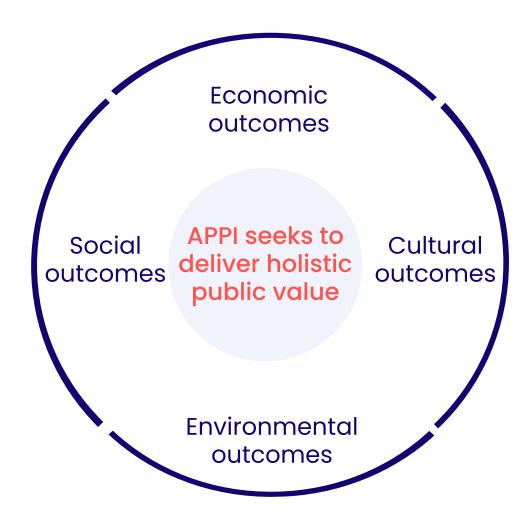
The institute is committed to monitoring and communicating impact in a continually evolving manner, recognising the inherent challenges of measuring the impact of collaborations in the policymaking process.

Visit our website to find the Institute's latest Annual Impact Report.

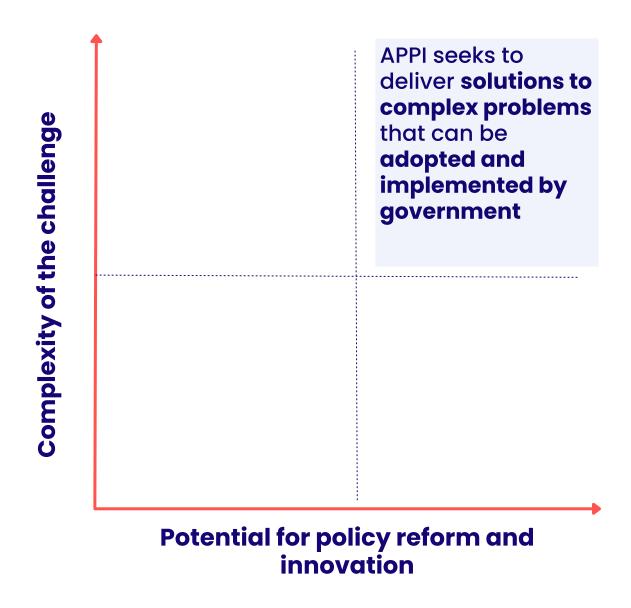


Our impact focus

APPI seeks to undertake activities and produce outcomes that promote **holistic public value**. This value is multi-dimensional and creates enduring benefit.



We believe that we are most able to deliver this value by pursuing complex challenges, and producing bold and innovative solutions that have the **capacity to be implemented**.



APPI's impact principles

Our impact principles speak to our organisational values and commitments. They will be operationalised to guide the work that we choose to do, and the means by which we do it, to consistently prioritise impact for the public good.

Innovative ideas

With multidisciplinary experts,
we generate compelling
insights, fresh perspectives
and bold alternative policy
approaches to solve complex
and significant public policy
challenges

Purposeful connections

We operate collaboratively, seeking opportunities to foster enduring relationships

Capability growth

We embed sustainable capability uplift in the public and research institutions with whom we partner, to promote the long-term practice of evidence-based and innovative policymaking

Solutions focused

Our pursuit of bold innovation maintains a focus on pragmatic solutions, capable of generating policy change in government

Public benefit

We focus on catalysing holistic, multi-dimensional benefit for individuals and communities, through an evidence-based and imaginative approach that promotes public good

APPI's theory of change

APPI's Impact Framework sets out a theory of change that articulates how we use our resources and undertake activities to deliver outputs, and ultimately achieve our target outcomes. Each outcome has a range of qualitative and quantitative indicators, which seek to capture both the quality and impact of our work.

Evidence-based policy change for the public good

Public policy changes produce beneficial social, economic, environmental and cultural outcomes, for individuals and communities, underpinned by the best available evidence

Collaborative approaches to policy development

Government collaboration with researchers and industry and community actors becomes mainstream in the development of public policy, and an evidence-based approach is embedded in policy development processes

Uplift in capability and confidence

Government is confident to engage with research, and researchers are more confident to engage in policy processes

Innovative policy ideas with widespread influence

Actors across government, universities, industry and the community have their perspectives shaped by bold, evidence-based policy insights, which influences discourse

Contribution:

- Government uses APPI's evidencebased policy advice to drive policy change
- This advice promotes a robust and multi-dimensional public good by integrating three kinds of expertise
- Government integrates external expertise into more policy processes
- Researchers, as well as community and industry colleagues, are equipped to contribute
- Innovative policy ideas circulate and generate incremental progress

Contribution:

- Through work with APPI, government has growing demand for joint policy problem-solving, and integrates external expertise into a wider range of policy processes
- Through work with APPI, academic researchers and stakeholders in community and industry have pathways, skills, experience and confidence to engage government and impact policy for the public good

Contribution:

- Through work with APPI, government has clear pathways and skills for joint policy problem-solving and using an evidence-based approach
- Through various kinds of engagement with APPI, academic researchers and stakeholders in community and industry have pathways, skills, experience and confidence to engage government and impact policy for the public good

Contribution:

- APPI produces and platforms bold, evidence-based policy ideas that the policy community accesses and discusses
- APPI delivers trusted policy advice to government, and communicates relevant lessons to a wider policy audience
- APPI's integration of three kinds of expertise ensures its contributions are innovative and influential



Inputs Activities

Outputs

Impact

• APPI staff with expert capabilities

- Expert contributors who encompass three kinds of expertise
- Funding from several sources
- In-kind resource contributions from universities
- Expert governance personnel

Three kinds of relevant expertise

- 1. Research-based expertise
- 2. Practitioner-based expertise
- 3. Lived expertisecontextual knowledge

Five research and policy workstreams:

Collaborative projects

Rapid response capability

APPI Policy Challenge Grant

APPI Policy Fellowship

The Policymaker Publication

Capacity-building

Broader external engagement

Enabled and amplified by:

- Communications and external engagement
- Corporate and administrative support
- Governance functions

APPI-led collaborative projects between government agencies, researchers and practitioners that produce innovative and thoughtful evidence-based policy options

Short-term collaborations that respond rapidly to critical issues

Original research products, primarily in the form of APPI Policy Insights Papers

Outreach and engagement

to share research and policy ideas, including events, roundtables, discussion forums and orations

Innovative and constructive ideas and policy proposals
published on APPI platforms

Capacity-building products and participatory experiences

APPI delivers trusted, evidencebased policy advice to government that can deliver public good

Outcomes

Policy ideas delivered to government and available in the public domain integrate three kinds of expertise

Government has pathways, skills and appetite for joint policy problem-solving and using an evidence-based approach

pathways, skills, experience and confidence to engage government and impact policy through their work

Experts in community and industry, and those with lived experience, have pathways to contribute expertise to policy

Purposeful connections are formed between government, academic researchers and practitioners to support future collaboration

The policy community accesses and discusses bold public policy ideas through APPI forums and platforms

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Types of policy change:

- Adoption of a novel policy
- Reform of existing policy
- Expansion of the policy imagination (more options considered)
- Integration of previously distinct challenges
- Reframing of policy design priorities (e.g efficiency versus resillience)
- New stakeholders included in a policy framework



APPI's logic model and theory of change

APPI's logic model articulates how we use our inputs and perform activities to create outputs that produce outcomes in alignment with our priorities and values.



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