

The AGC Manifesto

Geoscientists for the Future

We need to attract and train more geoscientists to support the future of our nation's economy, environmental management, and international leadership in the Geosciences.

The Australian Geoscience Council calls on all stakeholders to collectively and cooperatively:

1. Raise the profile of Geoscience in the broader Australian community

- Promote the critical role of Geoscience in securing the natural resources required to support the clean energy transition
- Promote the essential role of Geoscience in environmental stewardship and sustainable development
- Support Geoscience education in primary and secondary schools
- Engage and educate the community through geotourism and outreach.

2. Develop a Lifelong Learning Agenda for Geoscientists

- Celebrate equity, diversity, inclusion, and heritage in Geoscience
- Promote sustainable, safe careers in Geoscience
- Develop curricula to flexibly support lifetime professional development
- Support the management, quality control and recognition of micro-credentials.

3. Sustain and Grow Geoscience Tertiary Education

- Ensure access to Geoscience tertiary education for all Australians
- Help decision-makers in the Education Sector understand the impact of the resource industry boom-bust dynamic, the need to ameliorate this cyclic problem, and the implications for planning
- Promote Geoscience as a path towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Develop alternative funding models for Geoscience tertiary education to augment the current models that are based on student numbers.

The key to the success of this Manifesto is alignment and commitment of all stakeholders, and the development of strategies and actions that work, through the power of persuasion.

