**FOREWORD**

The Strategic Statement sets the strategic direction for the Office so that we can meet our statutory obligations and stimulate improvements in public administration. This statement is our highest level internal planning document which links to our commitments to Parliament, as outlined in the Portfolio Budget Statements, and our Business Plan for the year ahead.

The statement reflects the four key focus areas and the values that will shape the achievement of our goals, and continue to strengthen the standing of the Office in pursuit of our vision.

We all have a part in contributing to our vision, and better public sector outcomes.

Ian McPhee
Auditor-General for Australia

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**VISION**

*‘Be an international leader in the provision of independent public sector audit and related services’*

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**OUR ROLE**

To improve public sector performance and accountability through independent reporting on Australian Government programs and administration to Parliament, the Executive and the public.

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**OUR VALUES**

We uphold the Australian Public Service (APS) Values as set out in the Public Service Act 1999. Our values of respect, integrity and excellence, which aligns with the APS values and address the unique aspects of our business and environment, guide us in how we conduct ourselves in performing our role in the best interests of the Australian Parliament, the Executive and the public.

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**OUR KEY FOCUS AREAS**

**1 - INDEPENDENT AND RESPONSIVE**

- Anticipate and respond to the expectations of Parliament and the broader community
- Engage with our key stakeholders to build a shared understanding of our role and services and improve public administration
- Build respect, demonstrate integrity and be recognised nationally and internationally
- Incorporate contemporary views of public administration, financial management and risk management in our work
- Conduct audits that are independent, balanced and defensible, and inform decision making and improvements in public administration

**2 - VALUE-ADDING AUDIT SERVICES**

- Deliver high quality audit services that meet the expectations of stakeholders
  - assurance audits
  - performance audits
  - reviews
  - better practice guides
- Deliver clear messages and insights in our reports that add value to public administration
- Maintain our ongoing commitment to audit quality
- Share knowledge with national and international audit entities and professional bodies

**3 - CAPABILITY TO DELIVER WORLD CLASS SERVICES**

- Value investments in leadership, mentoring and coaching to improve the capability of our people
- Provide a supportive and collaborative work environment that maximises effective contributions by our people
- Commit to technical excellence in public sector audit
- Invest in alliances and partnerships nationally and internationally
- Establish professional relationships that support the effective delivery of audit services

**4 - CONFIDENCE IN DELIVERY OF OUR SERVICES**

- Maintain a business model that reflects contemporary better practices and enables strong business performance in delivering audit services
- Invest in technologies and methodologies to support the efficient delivery of audit services to manage significant risks
- Use our resources in a way that provides value for money to the Parliament and the broader community
- Improve through better knowledge management and innovation to increase productivity