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Australasian Joint Agencies Scanning network



AJASN
horizon scanning

Horizon scanning is the practice of spotting & monitoring change in the strategic & operating environments, and tracking changes in these environments that could have an impact on critical outcomes.

We take an inter-agency approach to improve our ability to spot change that matters.

Jointly identifying and exploring catalysts and patterns of change in the strategic and/or operating environment to inform decisions & prompt action.

Heighten change alertness

Save you time

Inform decisions

Educate

Network

Share resources

AJASN network members are mainly of government agencies and departments that work together to systematically capture emerging issues, game-changing events, & developments from a wide range of media.

§ A principal aim of horizon scanning is to identify anomalies, frontier issues, threats, and opportunities – which we might otherwise dismiss – early.

§ Horizon scanning processes are proven to help government take a longer term view and make present choices more resilient to future shocks, surprises and uncertainty.

Activities

The Network offers a structured process designed to help members capture, make sense of and assess the importance of emerging issues, trends and developments in train – that are often not very obvious today.

The AJASN network members contribute to a shared database, co-write network and other reports, and appropriately integrate the network's findings within their home organisations.

Benefits

Members gain:

- § Facilitated meetings
- § A horizon scanning database
- § Scanning reports
- § Periodic newsletters
- § Access to an e-learning module
- § Short, occasional training sessions.

What does success look like?

Successful scanning helps:

1. reframe issues & catalyse insight
2. inform the design, development & delivery of policies, services, plans & programs
3. identify what might help or hinder you achieving outcomes
4. prompt anticipatory action or enable quicker reaction times
5. spot new opportunities & improve the innovation focus

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