

# Artificial Intelligence Ethics Policy

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### Purpose

This policy provides the principles and common ethical framework for the design, development, deployment and operation of AI-enabled systems and services.

### Scope

This policy applies to all South Australian (SA) Government public sector agencies (as defined in [ICT Policy Statement 1 – Compliant Authorities](#)).

### Background

The principles outlined in this policy are adopted from the Australian Government's [Artificial Intelligence Ethics Principles](#), which must be used by SA Government Public Sector agencies. The Australian Government's Department of Industry, Science and Resources has developed eight AI Ethics Principles to guide ethical AI use. These principles are designed to ensure AI systems are safe, secure, reliable and aligned with human values, and intended to complement existing regulations and practices.

Adopting a common ethical framework ensures AI systems deliver fair, transparent and accountable outcomes for individuals, communities and the environment. It also supports public trust and responsible innovation across jurisdictions.

South Australia is a signatory to the [National Framework for the Assurance of Artificial Intelligence in Government](#) which establishes cornerstones and practices of AI assurance, an essential part of the broader governance of how governments use AI. The practices demonstrate how governments can practically apply Australia's AI Ethics Principles to their assurance of AI.

### Policy detail/Policy statements

All South Australian Government agencies are required to align to the [Australian AI Ethics Principles](#) when implementing AI-enabled systems. Agencies should assess the relevance of each principle to their specific use case and document how ethical considerations have been addressed.

## Aboriginal Impact Statement

The needs and interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have been considered in the development of this policy. As this policy presents general guidance only, where artificial intelligence is used in circumstances that may impact Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, agencies must assess and consider the risk of negative bias and consult with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

## Roles and responsibilities

Position title or unit/team	Listed responsibilities
Chief Executive	Responsible for the effective implementation of, and compliance, with this policy within their agency.
Senior Executives, Directors and Managers	Responsible for ensuring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the policy is implemented and observed by staff</li> <li>staff are fully informed of their obligations and responsibilities under the policy, and trained where required</li> <li>contracts and agreements with service providers require adherence to policies whilst conducting business</li> <li>any reporting requirements are met.</li> </ul>
Team leaders and Supervisors	Responsible for ensuring that the policy is observed by staff and that business processes support the policy requirements.
All staff	Required to comply with the policy and any related procedures, and to play an active role in ensuring the compliance of others.

## Related Documents

- [Australia's AI Ethics Principles](#)
- [National framework for the assurance of artificial intelligence in government](#)
- [SA Government Information Privacy Principles](#)
- [Code of Ethics for the SA Public Sector](#)
- [Guideline for the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence and Large Language Model Tools](#)
- [South Australian Cyber Security Framework](#)
- [South Australian Protective Security Framework](#)
- [PC 030 – Protective Security in the Government of South Australia](#)
- [Protective Security Policy Framework](#)
- [Deploying AI Systems Securely](#) | Cyber.gov.au

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