



Telstra's Environment Advocacy Position

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Introduction

Telstra has a long and proud history of working with government and regulators in Australia to support and engage on matters in the national interest.

With Australia's largest network and our sovereign capability, we partner with all levels of government to build a connected future so everyone can thrive.

Telstra supports democratic systems of government and believes it is critical for us to understand and discuss regulatory and policy developments which impact us, the environment we operate in, our operations, our customers and the communities we serve.

We believe that policy outcomes are more successful when government considers the perspectives of stakeholders impacted by decisions, including business, during policy development, and as such, we play an active role in policy engagement.

We engage with government and regulators directly through ongoing relationships, responding to consultations on policy developments, and by responding to regulatory initiatives, business developments and market practices.

We engage and contribute to the advocacy work conducted by industry associations to varying degrees. This document summarises our key views on environment, climate and nature policy and outlines our principles for engaging with industry associations on policy in these areas.

Our environmental positions

We believe that the telecommunications sector has a significant role to play in enabling greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction, the transition to a low carbon economy and minimising our impact on nature and the planet more broadly. For Telstra, to transition to a low carbon economy requires access to reliable and affordable energy which in Australia will increasingly be sourced from renewable energy.

We acknowledge the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change findings that human activity is contributing to climate change and that global warming should be limited to well below 2°C and preferably 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, aligned with the Paris Agreement. For Telstra, we are committed to achieving net-zero GHG emissions by 2050 and have set near-term emissions reduction targets by 2030 across scopes 1, 2 and 3. Achieving our scope 1+2 emissions reduction target is reliant on the timely decarbonisation of the Australian electricity grid. These targets have been validated by the Science Based Targets initiative as aligned with a 1.5°C pathway. Telstra recognises the need for society to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and that the transition away from fossil fuels to renewables must be orderly and time limited. While we don't invest directly in fossil fuel companies, our services are available to all customers, including those in industries such as mining and resources, aligned with our ambition to be the number one choice for connectivity in Australia.

Telstra is committed to transitioning to a low carbon business, protecting nature and biodiversity and managing the physical and transition impacts of climate change on our assets, operations and the services we provide to our customers, and to do so while meeting the broader needs of our business.

At Telstra, we interact with nature through our network footprint (land, freshwater, ocean and atmosphere) and across our value chain. We also depend on nature, including water for cooling, raw materials in technology and products, and a stable climate. Our reliance on nature is intertwined with our



work to provide reliable, resilient communications to our customers. At the foundation of our approach to nature is our priority focus on avoiding or minimising harm – and taking action to restore and learn from issues when they arise.

We seek to lead by example through our corporate behaviours and values and by using our scale and voice in ways that are consistent with our environmental commitments.

Engagement with industry associations

Telstra maintains memberships with a number of industry associations that we believe provide value to our business, industry, the economy and society more broadly. These associations bring access to the latest industry thinking and insights around issues including AI, cyber security and scams, digitisation and workplace policies and programs in addition to environment, climate and nature.

In general, we seek to be part of industry associations which:

- Create value for Telstra and our industry
- Provide opportunities for effective and efficient advocacy by representing whole of sector/industry perspectives
- Create opportunities to better understand issues affecting our industry and contribute to the development of effective and efficient policy, regulation and industry standards
- Create professional development and training opportunities, including specific opportunities on key themes across climate, circularity nature and other environment topics
- Connect us with other organisations who can help us address the needs of our customers and communities
- Facilitate the sharing of industry best practice and insights to better understand the diverse views held on important issues affecting industry.

Telstra does not support advocacy positions — whether direct or via industry associations — that are materially inconsistent with:

- The goals of the Paris Agreement, including aims to limit global warming to 1.5°C
- Science based emissions reduction pathways
- Transitioning to a low carbon economy.

Where industry association positions are misaligned with these principles, Telstra actively engages to influence positions and to clearly represent Telstra's views. If the issue is material to Telstra, we may publicly distinguish our position from that of the industry association.

Our engagement with industry associations includes our CEO and Group Executives taking leadership positions, specialist staff participating in ongoing working groups, providing member feedback and input into positions, sharing our strategy and learnings, and participating in member training and workshops.

BREAK OUT BOX:

What our industry association membership does not mean

- It does not imply endorsement of every position taken by that association
- It does not replace Telstra's own public commitments
- It does not limit our ability to speak independently or publicly



Many industry associations engage on a broad range of issues and as a result our views on individual issues may differ from other industry association members, or from the association. We are not always aligned with each position put forward by the industry association. If we do not provide a view, this does not mean we endorse that position.

From a climate, circularity, nature and other environmental issues perspective we participate in both general and specialist industry associations. We monitor our industry association memberships to identify whether significant differences exist between our Environment Group Policy and the industry association's stated positions. Where a material misalignment is identified, we follow a staged engagement process with the industry association that prioritises influence over exit, to seek alignment and better reflect our position.

Oversight of Telstra's environment and climate related advocacy occurs through periodic reporting on material environment and climate policy engagement and industry association misalignment to the Risk and Sustainability Committee of our Board.

Industry association memberships where we engage on climate, circularity, nature and other environment topics

Industry Association	Telstra participation
Australian Industry Group	Member; Energy and climate working group Circular economy reference group
Australian Packaging Covenant (APCO)	Member
Australian Telecommunications Alliance	Member; Director position
Business Council of Australia (BCA)	Member; Director position, Climate working group plus other working groups
Climate Leaders Coalition (CLC)	Member
Global System for Mobile Communications (GSMA)	Member; Scope 3 working group, Biodiversity working group, Circularity working group, Sustainability Network Group plus other working groups
Joint Alliance for CSR (JAC)	Member; Director position, Climate working group
Product Stewardship Centre of Excellence	Member
United Nations Global Compact Network Australia (UN GCNA)	Member