

Mr Adi Paterson

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Adi Paterson is the CEO of the Australian Nuclear and Technology Organisation (AN-STO). Since March 2009 he has had oversight and responsibility for ANSTO's multi-facetted portfolio of activities including the multi-purpose Open Pool Australian Light-water (OPAL) Reactor, which provides access to neutrons for science and irradiation services for Australian and overseas users. The Australian Synchrotron was integrated into ANSTO operations in 2016 and is currently undertaking a major capital programme for eight new beamlines. Paterson has experience in key policy areas including science and innovation, energy and the nuclear fuel cycle. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering (ATSE), Engineers Australia (EA), and the Royal Society of New South Wales. Paterson's focus on the importance of diversity and equity, particularly in STEM, led to his appointment in 2016 as a Male Champion of Change for STEM. He was recognised by the Sydney Division of EA as the 2012 Professional Engineer of the Year. In 2017, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Science degree by the University of Wollongong. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and a PhD in Engineering from the University of Cape Town.

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