

ANSTO Synroc®

A safe, secure and sustainable radioactive waste solution

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**GLOBAL** 

Legacy

## Our global problem

Nuclear waste stockpiled pending a long-term solution

263,000 tonnes	Heavy Metal stored spent power plant nuclear fuel
4,130 tonnes	Heavy Metal Stored spent research and other nuclear fuel
<b>29,000</b> m <sup>3</sup>	Stored high-level solid waste
<b>6,670,000</b> m <sup>3</sup>	Stored high-level liquid waste

### GLOBAL Future

Waste management solutions are increasingly required

- Approval of new technology conditional on a waste plan
- Lifecycle waste planning delivers long term benefits
- Social acceptance and trust

Synroc Solutions





## ANSTO Synroc<sup>®</sup> technology

### **Inspired by nature**

- Based on naturally-occurring, highly-durable mineral phases
- Locked up U, Th over geological timeframes



### **Substantial benefits**

- High durability
- Low disposal volumes
- Suited for problematic wastes
- Flexible modular technology



#### ANSTO

- First of a kind Synroc Plant
- Mo-99 production waste

## ANSTO Synroc<sup>®</sup> Technology





Waste characterisation

Tailored additives



Canister preparation



Hot Isostatic Pressing



Durable, compact wasteform

Decades of international study underpin Synroc wasteforms

Complementary to existing technologies such as vitrification Ability to accommodate a broad range of challenging radioactive wastes

### Mo-99 production at ANSTO





ANSTO's Technetium-99m Gentech<sup>®</sup> Generator

### ANSTO Synroc<sup>®</sup> advantage for Mo-99



### **Facility construction**



### Innovative reactor & fuel cycle wastes

### ANSTO Synroc<sup>®</sup> technology well positioned for:

#### Advanced Reactor WASTES

Chemically exotic fuels & coolants

#### **EXAMPLES**

Fluoride wastes | Chloride salt wastes

## Fuel Reprocessing WASTES

Highly mobile, volatile & long  $t_{1/2}$ 

#### **EXAMPLES**

lodine-129 | Technetium-99

#### Actinide WASTES

Fissile, nuclear material

#### EXAMPLES

Uranium | Plutonium

#### SMR WASTES

- Molten salt wastes
- Actinide wastes
- Advanced fuel wastes



### Advanced wasteform design





Highly stable mineral phases containing Uranium, alkalis and Fluorine.

### SCIENTIFIC FOR CLIMATE

### ANSTO Synroc<sup>®</sup> Waste Treatment Plant





# Thank you







