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ANUSA Statement on ANU Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) Policy Review - 29 May 2024

The University will be reviewing its Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) Policy at the June 14th meeting of ANU Council, the University's governing body. This policy was originally made in 2014 as a result of student pressure and protest, and any upcoming review to this policy should carefully consider the views of current students and members of the ANU community.

The Socially Responsible Investment Policy is the document that guides the ethics of the University's investment portfolio. This policy is ten years old and has not been updated to consider restrictions other than in coal, carbon intensity, tobacco and pornography. It's time for the University to confront investment in weapons manufacturers as well. Updating this policy is an opportunity to safeguard any changes to the University's investment policy not only now, but in the future and to better reflect the views and aspirations of current and future students.

This does not immediately achieve the goal of divestment from weapons manufacturers, but it is an important first step. ANUSA continues to advocate for the University to divest. This review does not negate a need for the University to have open dialogue with the encampment and we hope the University takes a proactive step towards having a safe open dialogue with members of the encampment.

ANUSA encourages students to continue voicing perspectives on the University's investments. We are advocating for community consultation on this policy, particularly of students, to give input on what you think your University should be doing.

