The Greater Sydney Commission approved the ANSTO Collaboration Area Place Strategy on the 10 December 2019. The Place Strategy reflects ANSTO’s vision for the Innovation Precinct, and includes priorities and actions developed by ANSTO, Sutherland Council and various agencies over a 12-month process.

During 2020, six members formed a core Governance Group and developed terms of reference to facilitate the way they work together to implement the Place Strategy. Members include:

- Aboriginal Community Representatives (from Ngarigo descent and Wiradjuri descent)
- ANSTO
- Dharawal Aboriginal Community Representatives
- Sutherland Shire Council (Council)
- Transport for NSW.
Highlights from 2020

Governance Group established – Core members of the Governance Group agreed to a Terms of Reference to facilitate the implementation of the ANSTO Collaboration Area Place Strategy.

Master planning underway – 2020 saw the development of a high-level concept site plan for ANSTO. The concept will consider existing facilities and campus services infrastructure along with the future demands and aspirations for the site.

Cycleway between ANSTO and ridgeway Estate – In a partnership with Council, ANSTO delivered a new 1.2km cycleway connecting ANSTO to the larger Sutherland Shire cycling network. The cycleway opened in September 2020. It enables cyclists to travel safely from Sutherland Station to ANSTO, and provides pedestrian access from Barden Ridge.

Outlook and opportunities for 2021

Over 2021 the ANSTO Collaboration Area Governance Groups intends to focus on three priority outcomes:

1. Continue ANSTO site renewal: complete Masterplan for the site and seek support from the group for its implementation.

2. Involvement of specialist partners to sustain momentum: the Governance Group will find ways to collaborate with partners such as NSW Health, NSW Treasury and Create NSW.

3. Promote ANSTO as an attractive innovation precinct: partner with cultural and creative agencies and pursue commercialisation opportunities.