



National Research Infrastructure Advisory Group Meeting 10 – 11 June 2025

Update from the Chair

The tenth National Research Infrastructure Advisory Group (NRIAG) meeting was held in Canberra on Wednesday, 11 June 2025.

The Department of Education, along with other Government departments and agencies, provided updates on relevant cross-government initiatives. Representatives from the National Science and Technology Council updated the group on the Science Toolkit reports currently under development and highlighted the importance of the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS). The NRIAG also received updates on progress on the step change investments covered under the NCRIS 2025 Guidelines.

The NRIAG discussed the current context for the Roadmap, including various uncertainties surrounding the evolving geopolitical landscape and related developments in the U.K. and Europe. The Department provided summary insights from the February Survey. The NRIAG discussed that the Roadmap will aim to build on the 2021 NRI Roadmap but may not follow the same challenge structure. A Roadmap Issues Paper is currently being prepared and is expected to be released in Q3 2025.

The NRIAG also observed that industry awareness of NCRIS remains limited and that strengthened engagement with industry continues to be a priority. Members emphasised the need for a compelling value proposition for industry, focused on productivity, innovation, and economic growth. Discussions also covered the approach for national engagement and raising awareness of the importance of NCRIS.

The eleventh NRIAG meeting will take place on 10 September 2025.