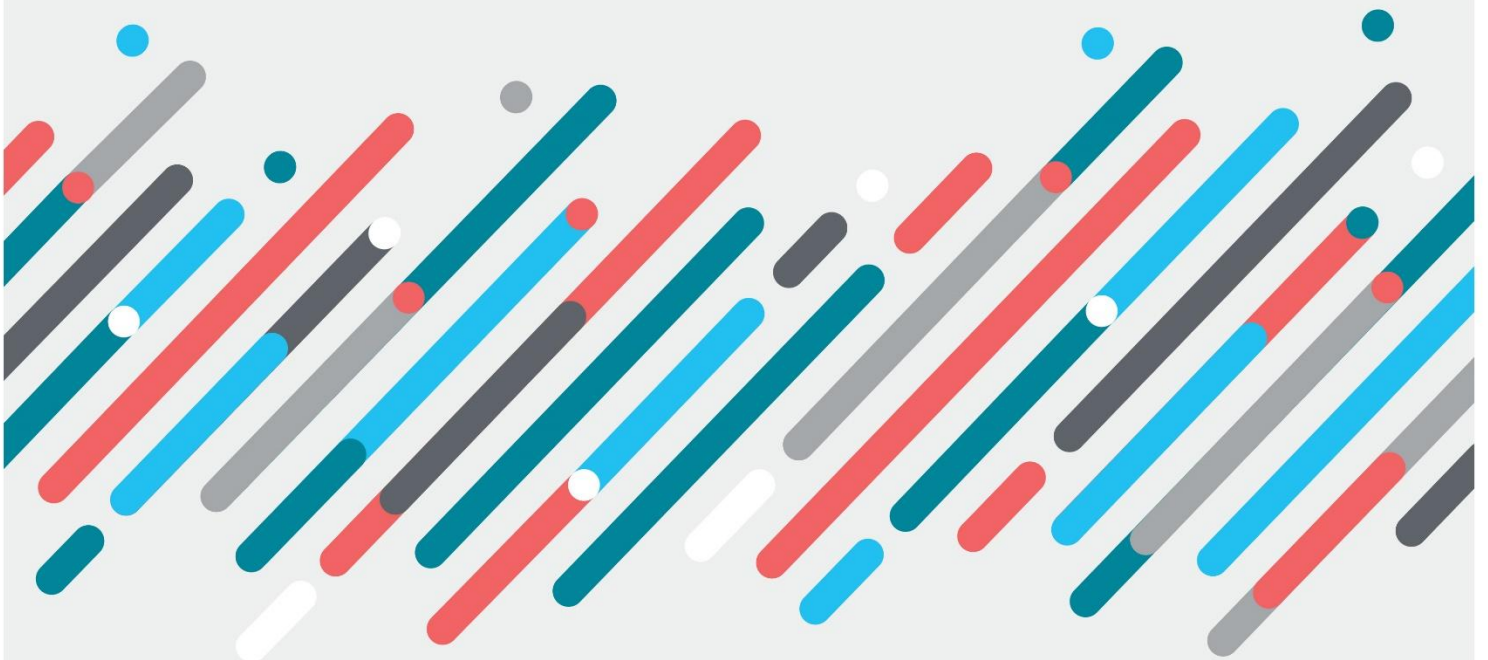




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2026 NRI Roadmap Issues Paper Consultation Survey

Preview



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Privacy Statement

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)* (the Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identifiable individual. Personal information includes an individual's name and contact details.

The following survey may collect personal information about you in your survey response (your submission), including your name, contact details, employment details, opinions, feedback and any other personal information (including sensitive information) you volunteer about yourself in the free-text fields.

Any personal information you choose to provide will be handled in accordance with this privacy statement.

Collection of your information

Your personal information may be collected by:

- the department and/or
- the department's contracted service providers, including its online survey provider, Converlens Pty Ltd (Converlens).

Collection of personal information about others

We need consent to collect personal information from someone other than the individual concerned, unless certain exceptions apply. If you provide personal information about another individual, you need to check with them first that they agree to the information being provided and being handled by the department in accordance with this privacy statement.

Please do not provide personal information about any other individual unless you have their consent.

Purpose of collecting your information

Your personal information is collected by the department and its contracted service providers for the purposes of:

- informing the development of the 2026 National Research Infrastructure (NRI) Roadmap and any related products.
- inviting you to participate in future consultation processes related to the 2026 NRI Roadmap, including contacting you in relation to your submission or setting up and conducting future consultations with you where you have agreed.
- communicating with you about the development of the 2026 NRI Roadmap.
- analysing and reporting on your feedback and insights from the survey and any additional consultation processes you agree to take part in.
- understanding the demographics and distribution of respondents participating in the consultations on the 2026 NRI Roadmap. This information may be used for reporting purposes but will be de-identified prior to being published.
- publishing your submission on the department's website where you have agreed (see further information below about publication).

The department may use technology provided by Converlens, including its artificial intelligence (AI) systems to assist the department to analyse and summarise your submissions, which may include processing your personal information. All potential outputs by Converlens' AI systems will be subject to review by departmental staff. Converlens complies with the Privacy Act and stores data securely in Australia.

NOT FOR COMPLETION – Submit responses through the online survey

If you do not provide some or all of the personal information requested, the department may not be able to attribute your submission to you and cannot inform you about future consultation opportunities or activities relating to the development of the 2026 NRI Roadmap.

Disclosure of your personal information

Your submission (including any personal information you include in your submission) may be disclosed to the following parties for the purposes stated above.

- the National Research Infrastructure Advisory Group
- the Department of Industry, Science and Resources
- Converlens
- Qualtrics
- Contractors or consultants engaged by the department in connection with the NRI Roadmap.

Your personal information may also be disclosed to other parties where you have agreed, or where it is otherwise permitted under the Privacy Act.

Privacy Policy

The department's [Privacy Policy](#) contains more information about how the department will manage your personal information, including information about how to make a complaint and seek access to and correction of your personal information. Further information on how the department manages your submission can also be found on the [Terms and Conditions for public submissions](#) page.

Read more about how Qualtrics and Converlens handle personal information in their privacy policies:

- [Converlens](#)
- [Qualtrics](#)

To contact the department about your personal information, email privacy@education.gov.au

To contact the department about the 2026 NRI Roadmap, email ResearchInfrastructure@education.gov.au

My consent

I confirm that I understand and agree to the collection and handling of my personal information (including any sensitive information I volunteer) in accordance with the privacy statement.

☐ Yes, I agree

Other individuals consent

I confirm that to the extent I have provided personal information about another individual, I have obtained that individual's consent to provide their personal information and for their personal information to be collected and handled in accordance with the privacy statement.

☐ Yes, I confirm

Contact Details

Please provide your contact information.

Title

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ☐ Mr | ☐ Mrs |
| ☐ Ms | ☐ Dr |
| ☐ A/Prof | ☐ Prof |

Other:.....

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Organisation

Please provide the name of your organisation or group.

In what capacity are you responding?

I am responding as:

- ☐ An individual
- ☐ A representative of an organisation or group



Publication of Submissions

Once the analysis of this survey is finalised, your submission will be made publicly available on the department's website, unless you indicate below that you do not agree to that.

If you consent to your submission being published and attributed to you, your submission (including any personal information you include in your submission, but not your email address), may be published on the department's website, which by its nature, may involve disclosure to overseas recipients in any country. As such, by agreeing below to have your submission attributed to you and published, you are consenting to your personal information being accessible overseas and acknowledge that an overseas recipient is not likely to be subject to the Privacy Act and the department will not have an obligation to take reasonable steps to ensure that they do not breach the Australian Privacy Principles in relation to the published information.

If you consent to your submission being published but would like to remain anonymous, all efforts will be made to deidentify your responses before being published.

Please select how you would like your submission treated

- ☐ I agree for my submission to be published and attributed to me or my organisation or group
- ☐ I agree for my submission to be published but would like to remain anonymous
- ☐ I do not agree for my submission to be published

Approval to be contacted

The department may wish to contact you regarding your submission to seek your further views in relation to the 2026 NRI Roadmap. This may be in the form of future surveys, targeted workshops, or through other avenues.

Do you agree to the department contacting you for this reason?

- ☐ Yes, I agree to the department contacting me to seek my further views regarding the 2026 NRI Roadmap
- ☐ No, I do not agree to the department contacting me to seek my further views regarding the 2026 NRI Roadmap

Demographics

This section contains some demographic questions.

What best describes your occupational category?

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| ☐ Researcher | ☐ Research support staff or technical staff |
| ☐ Research Manager | ☐ Senior management or executive in a research organisation |
| ☐ Industry professional or provider | ☐ Post graduate student |
| ☐ Public servant | Other:..... |

Which of the below best describes your employment sector?

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| ☐ Government | ☐ Independent research organisation |
| ☐ NCRIS capability | ☐ Publicly Funded Research Agency |
| ☐ University | ☐ Private Enterprise |
| ☐ Not for profit | Other:..... |

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If you are a researcher or directly involved in research support, please indicate your area(s) of research expertise or the area(s) you most commonly work in (as categorised by the Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification Fields of Research codes)

(you can select more than one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Agricultural, Veterinary and Food Sciences | ☐ Biological Sciences |
| ☐ Biomedical and Clinical Sciences | ☐ Built Environment and Design |
| ☐ Chemical Sciences | ☐ Commerce, Management, Tourism and Services |
| ☐ Creative Arts and Writing | ☐ Earth Sciences |
| ☐ Economics | ☐ Education |
| ☐ Engineering | ☐ Environmental Sciences |
| ☐ Health Sciences | ☐ History, Heritage and Archaeology |
| ☐ Human Society | ☐ Indigenous Studies |
| ☐ Information and Computing Sciences | ☐ Language, Communication and Culture |
| ☐ Law and Legal Studies | ☐ Mathematical Sciences |
| ☐ Philosophy and Religious Studies | ☐ Physical Sciences |
| ☐ Psychology | |

Overall, how would you describe your (or your organisation's) familiarity with NCRIS?

- ☐ Very familiar
- ☐ Somewhat familiar
- ☐ Not familiar

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If you or your organisation has used an NCRIS capability in the period since 2021, please select those capabilities

(you can select more than one)

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| ☐ Astronomy Australia (AAL) | ☐ Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) |
| ☐ AuScope | ☐ Australian Access Federation (AAF) |
| ☐ Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness (ACDP) | ☐ Australian Community Climate and Earth System Simulator NRI (ACCESS-NRI) |
| ☐ Australian National Fabrication Facility (ANFF) | ☐ Australian Plant Phenomics Network (APPN) |
| ☐ Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC) | ☐ Australian Urban Research Infrastructure Network (AURIN) |
| ☐ Bioplatforms Australia (BPA) | ☐ European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) Australia |
| ☐ Heavy Ion Accelerators (HIA) | ☐ Integrated Marine Observing System (IMOS) |
| ☐ Marine National Facility (MNF) | ☐ Microscopy Australia |
| ☐ National Computational Infrastructure (NCI) | ☐ National Deuteration Facility (NDF) |
| ☐ National Imaging Facility (NIF) | ☐ National Sea Simulator (SeaSim) |
| ☐ Nuclear Science Facilities - The Australian Centre for Neutron Scattering (ACNS) and the Centre for Accelerator Science (CAS) | ☐ Pawsey Supercomputing Centre |
| ☐ Phenomics Australia (PA) | ☐ Population Health Research Network (PHRN) |
| ☐ Southern Coastal Research Vessel Fleet (SCRVF) | ☐ Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network (TERN) |
| ☐ Therapeutic Innovation Australia (TIA) | |

The 2021 NRI Roadmap defined NRI as:

It is proposed that in the 2026 NRI Roadmap the definition of NRI is updated to:

NRI comprises the nationally significant assets, facilities **and highly-skilled personnel providing** services **that together** support leading-edge research and innovation. It is accessible to publicly and privately funded users across Australia and internationally **and may be single-sited, virtual or distributed.**

Q1. Should the proposed definition of NRI in the 2026 NRI Roadmap be modified – such as by elaborating what is meant by ‘nationally significant’, or by other changes?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If ‘yes’, please contribute a potential definition (or definitions).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge systems

The following questions refer to Section 2.1 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge systems in the Issues Paper.

Q2. What should be done, and over what timeframe, to ensure future NRI investments respect cultural protocols, and support self-determination and promote benefit sharing, in line with the Australian Government's [Framework for Governance of Indigenous Data](#)?

Q3. How might an appropriate balance be achieved between investment in a dedicated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Research Data Commons capability, and provision of uplift in capability across relevant discipline and theme-oriented NRI?

Your response should include consideration of possible design approaches for a dedicated capability and/or of mechanisms and incentives for alignment and collaboration across NRI providers.

Humanities

The following questions refer to Section 2.2 - Humanities in the Issues Paper.

Q4. What are the current top 3 priorities for NRI investment for the humanities?

Q5. What new or emerging areas of humanities research will require NRI investment in the next 3-5 years?



Q6. Should Australia focus on developing a specialist humanities research infrastructure workforce or a generalist research infrastructure workforce with humanities domain expertise and ability to bridge across disciplines?

Responses expressed in terms of the pros and cons of each approach would be especially useful.



Research infrastructure workforce

The following questions refer to Section 2.3 - Research infrastructure workforce in the Issues Paper.

Q7. What are the critical skills that the NRI workforce should have regardless of their technical expertise?

Q8. What is the best approach to retain staff and add to new capabilities to the current NRI workforce?



Translation and industry

The following questions refer to Section 2.4 - Translation and industry in the Issues Paper.

Q9. How can NRI facilities ensure their capabilities are made widely known and available to potential users in relevant industry sectors across Australia's cities and regions?

Q10. How can NRI facilities build the know-how and support that will lead to an increase in productive research-industry collaborations?



Q11. To improve research translation capability, can you identify and briefly describe needed enhancements of existing NRIs, and/or new NRI?

Q12. How should research translation be planned for in the development of new NRI?



New research infrastructure

The following questions refer to Section 2.5 - New research infrastructure in the Issues Paper.

Q13. Review the full set of available suggestions for potential new or enhanced capabilities from the [published Survey responses](#) (Question 35) and identify up to 3 that you regard as most important to consider for inclusion in the 2026 NRI Roadmap. Please provide a brief rationale for your view and include the response number(s) for your selection.

Capability 1

Please include the ID and name

Capability 2

Please include the ID and name

Capability 3

Please include the ID and name

Q14. If you wish to propose an additional priority suggestion for a new or enhanced capability, that was not in the Survey responses, please name it here, and briefly describe the need, the capability, the medium-term goals, impacted research communities, and the timeframe over which its establishment should occur.

To finalise your submission, please click the submit button.

