



National Research Infrastructure Advisory Group Meeting 11 – 10 September 2025

Update from the Chair

The eleventh National Research Infrastructure Advisory Group (NRIAG) meeting was held in Canberra on Wednesday, 10 September 2025.

The Department of Education, alongside other government departments and agencies, provided updates on relevant cross-government initiatives. Representatives from the Australian Research Council presented on national research evaluation and data strategies.

The NRIAG heard from panel members of the Strategic Examination of Research and Development (SERD) who shared insights from their national consultations, including issues on workforce capability, AI, and long-term planning.

The NRIAG received a briefing on the National Health and Medical Research Strategy and discussed areas of potential complementarity regarding research infrastructure. NRIAG also received an update from the National Health and Medical Research Council. The NRIAG agreed to encourage continued and deepened collaborations across government portfolios with an interest in national research infrastructure, and also ways to articulate the value of NCRIS, across government departments and industries.

The NRIAG noted a need to revisit the National Digital Research Infrastructure Strategy as part of Roadmap development—particularly its treatment of AI— discussing a range of issues for consideration and encouraging further expert engagement.

The NRIAG also considered the NRI principles as articulated in the 2021 Roadmap, considering approaches to better reflect the intent, and proposed refinements to be considered as the 2026 NRI Roadmap is developed.

The NRIAG discussed the upcoming release of the draft NRI Roadmap Issues Paper and shared early thoughts on outlines for the Roadmap Exposure Draft.

The twelfth NRIAG meeting will take place in December 2025.