



# National Research Infrastructure Advisory Group Meeting 12 – 2 December 2025

## Update from the Chair

The twelfth National Research Infrastructure Advisory Group (NRIAG) meeting was held virtually on Tuesday, 2 December 2025.

Guest speaker Professor Reuben Bolt – Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Services) from the University of Sydney, and member of the National Science and Technology Council – presented on the National Science and Research Priority of Elevating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Knowledge Systems. This was followed by commentary from member Professor Stephen van Leeuwen and complemented with open discussion by members.

The group discussed the release of the [2026 NRI Roadmap Issues Paper](#) and progress with accompanying consultations. A brief update on the [Issues Paper Consultation Survey](#) was shared, followed by member summaries from the targeted discussions recently held on the topics covered in the Issues Paper (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge systems, humanities, research infrastructure workforce, and translation and industry). These consultations will support the next stages of the [2026 NRI Roadmap](#) development.

The group congratulated Professor Stephen van Leeuwen as the recent joint winner of the inaugural [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scientist of the Year](#) at the Western Australian Premier's Science Awards 2025.

The next NRIAG meeting is anticipated for early 2026.