



2026 NRI Roadmap Update

August 2026

Since our July update, progress has been made across several aspects of the [2026 National Research Infrastructure \(NRI\) Roadmap](#). As consultation and analysis activities continue, we are working closely with stakeholders to ensure the Roadmap reflects the current and future needs of Australia's research, development and innovation system.

Topic Reference Groups

Since their formation, each of the Topic Reference Groups have met once or twice, providing valuable input to the Roadmap. Membership information on these groups is published on our dedicated [Topic Reference Group Consultations](#) webpage. Further meetings are being planned for after the Exposure Draft release.

Ongoing stakeholder engagements

An Interdepartmental Committee and State and Territory Government Roundtable continue to meet with department representatives to discuss opportunities for the Roadmap to deliver cross-government impact. Additionally, our chair of the NRI Advisory Group, Emeritus Professor Liz Sonenberg, has recently met with the Forum of Australian Chief Scientists, Directors of the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) projects, and Australia's Deputy Vice-Chancellors (Research) to discuss the Roadmap process.

Exposure Draft

Work on the Exposure Draft is progressing, with drafting and refinement activities underway ahead of its planned release around mid-September.

This release will be followed by a 4 to 5 week period for feedback, including an online survey.

Virtual Townhall sessions will be held on **Thursday 24 September 2026 between 4:15-5:00pm AEST** and **Monday 28 September 2026 between 2:00-2:45pm AEST**.

The purpose of these sessions is to provide background and context to the Exposure Draft. Both sessions will present identical information. Links to register will be circulated with the Exposure Draft's release.