



2026 NRI Roadmap Update

September 2026

September saw work on the [2026 National Research Infrastructure \(NRI\) Roadmap](#) reach an exciting new milestone with the release of the [2026 NRI Roadmap Exposure Draft](#) and accompanying [consultation survey](#). The Exposure Draft reflects the significant work undertaken to date and provides an important opportunity for stakeholders to help shape the future direction of Australia's NRI system.

Ongoing consultations

Consultations have continued throughout this period to support the development of the Roadmap. A meeting of the [NRI Advisory Group](#) (NRIAG) was held on 9 September, and the NRI Roadmap Expert Working Group (EWG) has met regularly to oversee the development of the Roadmap, consider feedback and provide advice on key issues.

An Interdepartmental Committee and State and Territory Government Roundtable have also continued to engage with departmental representatives, providing valuable insights into shared priorities and opportunities for collaboration.

Exposure Draft

Development of the Roadmap reached a key milestone with the [release](#) of the 2026 NRI Roadmap Exposure Draft on Monday 28 September 2026.

The Exposure Draft provides a preliminary view of the final Roadmap, bringing together the advice and insights gathered through consultations undertaken to date. Its release marked the beginning of a 4-week public consultation period, with feedback invited through an [online survey](#).

As part of this process, the EWG hosted a virtual Townhall webinar on 28 September 2026 to present the Exposure Draft and provide context on its development. A second Townhall will be held at [12:30pm AEDT on 6 October 2026](#) and will cover the same material.

Stakeholders can access the consultation materials and provide feedback via the [consultation platform](#). A [preview](#) of the Exposure Draft consultation survey is available, allowing an opportunity to review the consultation questions before preparation of responses.

Responses received through the consultation process will be considered by the EWG and used to inform the final 2026 NRI Roadmap, ahead of its submission to Government by the end of 2026.