



# National Research Infrastructure Advisory Group meeting 26 July 2023

## Update from the Chair

On Wednesday 26 July 2023 the third National Research Infrastructure Advisory Group (NRIAG) meeting was held in Brisbane.

Much of this meeting focused on elements of the emerging National Digital Research Infrastructure (NDRI) strategy. These NDRI-related discussions were stimulated by input from experts in the field who provided their vision for Australia's future high-performance computing (HPC) capabilities and some commentary on data-related needs. Unsurprisingly, there was an easy consensus on the critical need to foster a workforce with the expertise necessary to maintain and operate Australia's future NDRI. The NRIAG expressed strong support for the outline NDRI strategy presented at the meeting, noting the draft will now undergo expert consultations to address key aspects and be followed by considerations on implementation.

Representatives from the Department of Education provided updates on the work underway on the other step change areas identified in the 2021 Roadmap. This included an overview of potential approaches for delivering research infrastructure across the fields of environment and climate, synthetic biology, national collections and research translation. The NRIAG also reviewed the Forward Workplan, which sets out milestones and timelines related to addressing the priorities of the Roadmap. A summary view of this Workplan can be viewed at [NRIAG Forward Workplan](#).

The fourth NRIAG meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 8 November 2023 in Melbourne. At this meeting, we aim to finalise the NDRI Strategy, including its implementation, and discuss the work in progress to address other step change areas and priorities.