



# National Research Infrastructure Advisory Group Meeting 6 – 12 June 2024

## Update from the Chair

The sixth National Research Infrastructure Advisory Group (NRIAG) meeting was held in Adelaide on Wednesday 12 June 2024.

The NRIAG provided final comments on the draft National Digital Research Infrastructure (NDRI) Strategy. Discussion also covered planning to develop the NDRI investment plan, which is scheduled for the second half of calendar 2024. The meeting's agenda also extended to the approach for the remaining strategies and investment plans for other NRI priority (or Step Change) areas identified in the 2021 NRI Roadmap: Research Translation Infrastructure; Environment and Climate; and Research Collections. An update was also provided on Synthetic Biology. Through these discussions, the NRIAG reviewed and discussed the forward workplan for each activity as well as the terms of reference of working groups that are proposed to guide activities.

The NRIAG also received a progress update from the NRI Workforce Strategy Reference Group, which was established to progress the considerations outlined in the 2021 NRI Roadmap (Section 5.2). This item was supported by a presentation from Dr Lisa Yen, CEO of Microscopy Australia, who spoke about activities to support the development of Australia's NRI workforce.

The meeting reviewed early analysis of the application of the NRI Principles and NRI Investment Principles from the 2021 NRI Roadmap (Section 1.4). This item was complemented by discussion on the early-stage planning processes for developing the next NRI Roadmap.

In addition to the NRIAG meeting, members visited Adelaide-based NCRIS facilities: the Australian Plant Phenomics Network, the Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network and Metabolomics SA. Through these visits, NRIAG members were able to directly engage with staff who are critical to each facility's operation.

The seventh NRIAG meeting is scheduled for September 2024 in Sydney. At this meeting the NRIAG will consider the progress in implementing the Step Changes and the NRI Workforce Strategy. The NRIAG will also consider more detailed planning for the next NRI Roadmap.