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# National Digital Research Infrastructure (NDRI) Investment Plan Consultation Survey

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## Survey

### Introduction

Welcome to the NDRI Investment Plan consultation survey. The NDRI Investment Plan is being developed by the Department of Education, with support from the NDRI Working Group, to implement the [NDRI Strategy](https://www.education.gov.au/national-research-infrastructure/resources/national-digital-research-infrastructure-strategy).

This survey includes questions from each of the following [targeted discussions](https://www.education.gov.au/national-research-infrastructure/national-digital-research-infrastructure-ndri/ndri-targeted-discussion) hosted by the NDRI Working Group.

* Data
* NDRI for Humanities, Social Sciences and GLAM
* Compute and AI
* Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples NDRI
* NDRI Skills
* Software
* Trust & Identity and Cybersecurity.

There is also a section at the end that allows the responder to enter any additional information they wish to share regarding NDRI.

You may answer as many or as few questions as you wish. If you leave the page and return on the same device, your answers will be saved.

**This survey will close on Thursday 24 October 2024 at 5:00pm AEST.**

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**What is your full name?**

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**What organisation are you from?**

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**What is your role at your organisation?**

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##### What research community are you from (best fit)

* Health
* Environment
* Characterisation
* Manufacturing
* Humanities, Social Sciences and GLAM
* Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Knowledge and Research
* Astronomy and Physics
* Other research community or communities
* Not part of the research community

**If you would like to receive updates on the NDRI Investment Plan process, please enter your email below:**

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### Data

**Q1 - What investments could support wide-ranging uptake of FAIR and CARE principles by Australian researchers?**

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**Q2 - What investments can be considered to address the barriers identified in the NDRI Strategy (pages 16-17)?**

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**Q3 - How can future NDRI investments ensure recognition of the importance of data self-determination and the principles of Indigenous Data Sovereignty, in alignment with the Australian Government's Framework for Governance and Indigenous Data?**

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**Q4 - What are the priority data-related NDRI investments that would enhance Australia's research efforts?**

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### NDRI for Humanities, Social Sciences and GLAM

**Q5 - What are the gaps and weaknesses in Australia's NDRI landscape for our humanities, social sciences and GLAM sectors?**

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**Q6 - How can NDRI investments support the creation, management and access to digital twins?**

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**Q7 - What international exemplars of large-scale research infrastructure investments to support the humanities, social sciences and GLAM sectors do you recommend Australia should consider as part of the NDRI Investment Plan?**

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**Q8 - What are the priority humanities, social sciences and GLAM NDRI investments that would enhance Australia's collaborative research efforts?**

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### Compute and AI

**Q9 - What are the current gaps and weaknesses in Australia's NDRI technological capabilities?**

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**Q10 - What should Australia's supercomputing/high-performance compute landscape look like in 5 years from now?**

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**Q11 - To what extent should NCRIS investments extend to Tier-2? What would make these "collaborative" and "national"?**

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**Q12 - To what extent should future investments consider AI sympathetic architecture?**

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**Q13 - How can Australia sustainably invest in new NDRI technologies that align with the Australian Government's Net Zero greenhouse gas emission target by 2050?**

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**Q14 - What are the priority NDRI investments in compute and AI that would enhance Australia's research efforts?**

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### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples NDRI

**Q15 - What investments are needed to make NDRI more culturally appropriate and aligned? Priority Reform 4 from the 2023 Closing the Gap Report highlights some key actions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Data.**

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**Q16 - What NDRI investments would support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples knowledge systems?**

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**Q17 - What are the priority NDRI investments to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, including researchers, and enhance Australia's broader research efforts?**

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**Q18 - How can investments support the recent Australian Government's Framework for the Governance of Indigenous Data?**

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**Q19 - How can training, education and professional development be used to improve data in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples NDRI space?**

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**Q20 - Is there a case for establishing a new NCRIS capability focused on supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples knowledge systems within the national research infrastructure system? If so, in what timeframe, and what preparatory and transition steps would you recommend?**

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### NDRI Skills

**Q21 - How can NDRI training, education and professional development for all NDRI users and operators account for ongoing and rapid advancements in NDRI, including digital capabilities not yet realised?**

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**Q22 - How can governments work with NDRI providers to address staff shortages and expand workforce training opportunities?**

* **How can Australia attract and retain its NDRI workforce in a competitive global hiring market?**

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**Q23 - What are the priority NDRI skills investments that would enhance Australia's research efforts?**

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### Software

**Q24 - How can future NDRI investment support the various aspects of the research software lifecycle?**

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**Q25 - How can future NDRI investments support researchers to achieve greater access to research software?**

* **Reflect upon the principles of an open science agenda.**
* **When is it appropriate to purchase software vs. building our own?**

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**Q26 - Where do you see AI models fitting into software and national research infrastructure?**

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**Q27 - What are the priority NDRI investments to support Australia’s research software engineering sector?**

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### Trust & Identity and Cybersecurity

**Q28 - What measures are currently lacking or require improvement to enable Australia's researchers to conduct research in a safe and secure way, whilst protecting valuable digital resources?**

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**Q29 - How does Australia's future NDRI find a balance between enforcing trusted access and cybersecure measures whilst accommodating for open science principles and research with inherent risk?**

* **Are there any international examples? Good, bad or ones which Australian researchers will have to adhere to as part of their international collaborations?**

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**Q30 - What are the priority NDRI investments in trust and identity, and cybersecurity that would enhance Australia’s research efforts?**

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### Final Question

**Q31 - Is there any other information you wish to share with us regarding the NDRI Investment Plan?**

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**Optional file upload for any additional supporting information.**