



National Research Infrastructure Advisory Group Meeting 8 – 2 December 2024

Update from the Chair

The eighth National Research Infrastructure Advisory Group (NRIAG) meeting was held in Brisbane on Monday, 2 December 2024.

The meeting commenced with updates from the Department of Education and other Government organisations on activities relevant to the work of the Group. These included the governance review of National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) projects being conducted by the Department of Education, arrangements for the International Conference on Research Infrastructures (ICRI) being held in Brisbane from 3-5 December 2024, and initiatives across a number of departments.

The NRIAG discussed the National Digital Research Infrastructure (NDRI) Working Group's progress, including the consultation process to date, targeted discussions and other inputs into the initial draft Investment Plan. It was noted that the NDRI Working Group's draft recommendations for investment would shortly be made available for open consultation. The NRIAG will have the opportunity, early in 2025, to provide endorsement and other advice prior to the NDRI WG submission of final recommendations to the Department of Education. [*Post meeting note: The [draft](#) is now available, as is the [open survey](#).*]

A key focus of discussion at the meeting was on the processes for development of the next National Research Infrastructure Roadmap (Roadmap). Discussion covered the NRIAG's work and other activities to drive the development of the Roadmap. Members agreed an outline of the approach to developing the next Roadmap. [*Post meeting note: The outline is now available on the [2026 Roadmap website](#).*]

The NRIAG confirmed the definition of National Research Infrastructure from the 2021 Roadmap and endorsed its use in developing the coming Roadmap. NRIAG also discussed the NRI Principles and NRI Investment Principles from the 2021 Roadmap and sought further work on streamlining these.

The NRIAG considered further NRI Workforce development initiatives, building on the proposal NRIAG endorsed at its September 2024 meeting.

Discussions also covered the approach to developing investment plans for the other National Research Infrastructure Step Change areas outlined in the 2021 Roadmap: Translation Research Infrastructure; Environment and Climate; and Research Collections. Members noted the importance of a coordinated and integrated workplan over 2025 to

minimise the impact on stakeholders given the range of consultation activities that would be undertaken throughout 2025.

The date and location of the next NRIAG meeting will be decided as the Group considers its 2025 workplan.