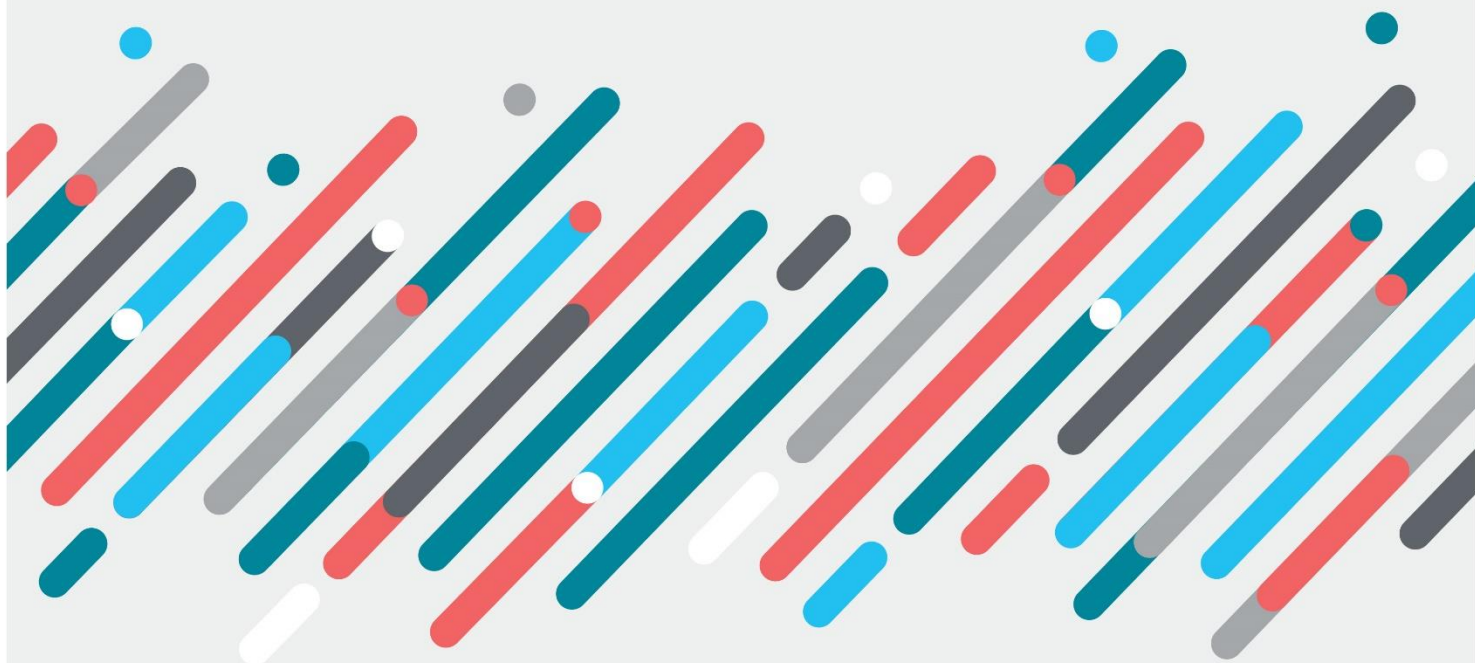




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The Draft Final National Digital Research Infrastructure (NDRI) Investment Plan: Recommendations for Investment by the NDRI Working Group

Preview



Introduction

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Welcome to the [Draft Final NDRI Investment Plan: Recommendations for Investment by the NDRI Working Group](#) Feedback Survey.

The NDRI Investment Plan is being developed to implement the [NDRI Strategy](#).

This document represents draft recommendations for investment from the NDRI Working Group. It outlines priority areas for specific investment with indicative amounts of financial investment.

These recommendations are a product from various stakeholder consultations. These include the series of [Targeted Discussions](#) in addition to the NDRI Investment Plan Consultation Survey and Environment Scan.

- Please note, the NDRI Investment Plan Consultation Survey submissions have since been summarised, with these summaries made available on the [Department of Education's NDRI webpage](#).

This document represents current draft advice from the NDRI Working Group. Final recommendations will be provided to the Department of Education. Investment decisions will be made by the Minister for Education, following a grant process to be administered by the Department of Education.

All final investment decisions are subject to Ministerial approval, following assessments by the Department of Education. The finalised NDRI Investment Plan will contain the exact dollar amounts and recipients for investment.

This survey aims to seek feedback from Australia's NDRI stakeholders on these draft recommendations. To provide feedback, you must fill in the survey – we may not consider information sent through any other mechanism.

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 Tuesday 07 January 2025 at 5:00pm AEDT – early submissions are encouraged.

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Questions

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Australasian Biospecimen Network Association (ABNA)

What is your role at your organisation?

Current President

What research community are you from?

- Health
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Please provide your responses below.

Q1. Do the proposed levels of investment for the different outcomes and the outcome-specific investment areas seem appropriately balanced? Max 1200 characters.

The proposed levels of investment for the various outcomes and their associated investment areas appear to be thoughtfully distributed, with a clear alignment to the overall strategic goals of the National Digital Research Infrastructure (NDRI). The balance between investments in foundational infrastructure, emerging technologies, and user support seems well-considered, ensuring both short-term impact and long-term sustainability. However, attention could be given to ensuring that emerging technologies, such as AI-driven research tools and next-gen data storage solutions, receive adequate investment. These areas are critical for the future of digital research and may require more robust funding to maintain global competitiveness. Overall, the proposed investment distribution is solid, but a more nuanced focus on high-growth technologies could enhance the plan's future-proofing.

Q2. Are there critical NDRI investments missing from the recommendations listed? If so, briefly explain. Max 1200 characters.

While the Draft Final NDRI Investment Plan provides a comprehensive framework, a few critical investment areas seem underrepresented. Notably, there is a lack of focus on cross-sector

collaboration platforms that enable research communities from different disciplines to share data and resources seamlessly. Such investments in interdisciplinary infrastructure could significantly enhance the utility and impact of the NDRI. The emphasis on workforce development for emerging digital research skills and strengthening the capacity of researchers through specialized training programs is essential to fully leverage the infrastructure investments, we are pleased to see this in outcome 1. Prioritizing these areas would ensure that the infrastructure is not only cutting-edge but also effectively supported by a skilled workforce capable of utilizing it to its fullest potential.

Q3. Please provide any additional comments that you may have related to the Draft Final NDRI Investment Plan: Recommendations for Investment by the NDRI Working Group. Max 1200 characters.

The Draft Final NDRI Investment Plan represents a forward-thinking approach to strengthening the nation's digital research infrastructure capabilities. One area that may benefit from further consideration is the integration of sustainability measures within the infrastructure. High Performance Computing and Data Storage require a lot of power/electricity. As digital research capabilities expand, ensuring energy efficiency and environmental sustainability in data centres and research tools should be prioritized. Another point for consideration is the need for a flexible governance framework that can adapt to evolving technologies and user needs over time to facilitate quicker adaptation and foster continuous innovation. Lastly, public-private partnerships could play a pivotal role in expanding the scope and reach of the NDRI, driving further innovation and ensuring broad stakeholder engagement.