

Developing an RDM framework for all Australian Universities

ARDC's Institutional Underpinnings Program

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Australian Research Data Commons

Purpose

To provide Australian researchers with competitive advantage through data.

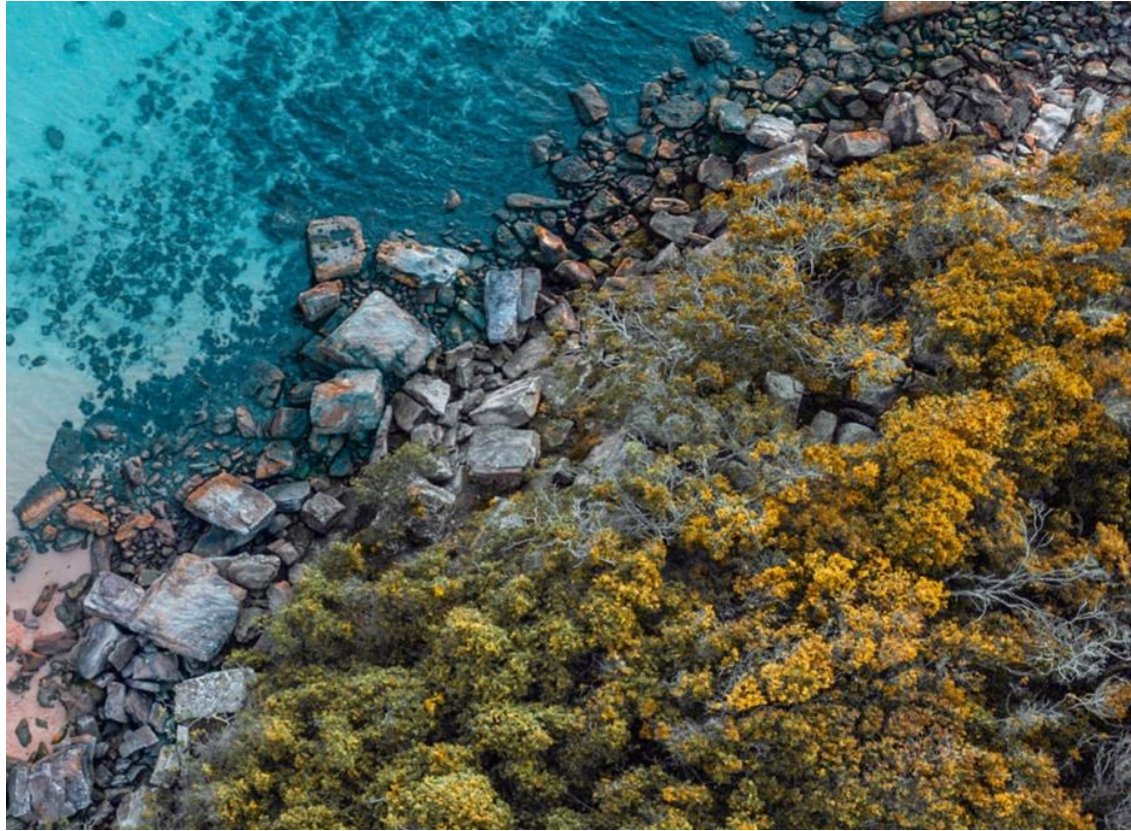
Mission

To accelerate research and innovation by driving excellence in the creation, analysis and retention of high-quality data assets.

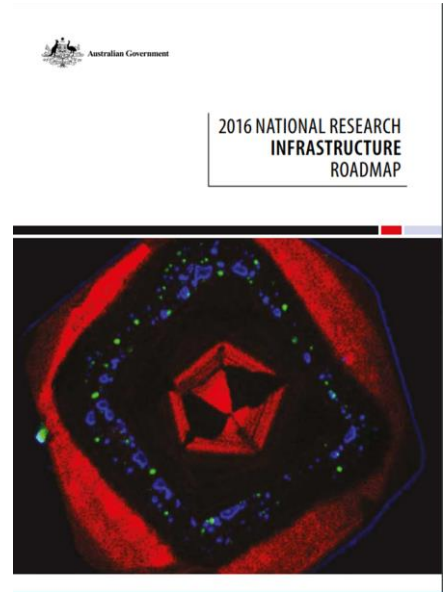
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge and celebrate the First Australians on whose traditional lands we meet, and we pay our respect to their elders past, present and emerging.



“...nationally significant assets, facilities and services to support leading edge research...”



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...transforming digital
infrastructure to support leading
edge research and innovation....



National Data Assets Initiative

2019-2023

Strategic partnerships with research communities and institutions to develop a portfolio of national-scale data assets that support leading edge research

- 6 programs
 - 59 projects
 - 200+ co-investment partners
 - Multi-million dollar investment
 - Institutional Underpinnings Program:
 - 25 universities, 1 research management framework

ADVANCING UNIVERSITY RDM TOGETHER

...by collectively developing a University RDM Framework to

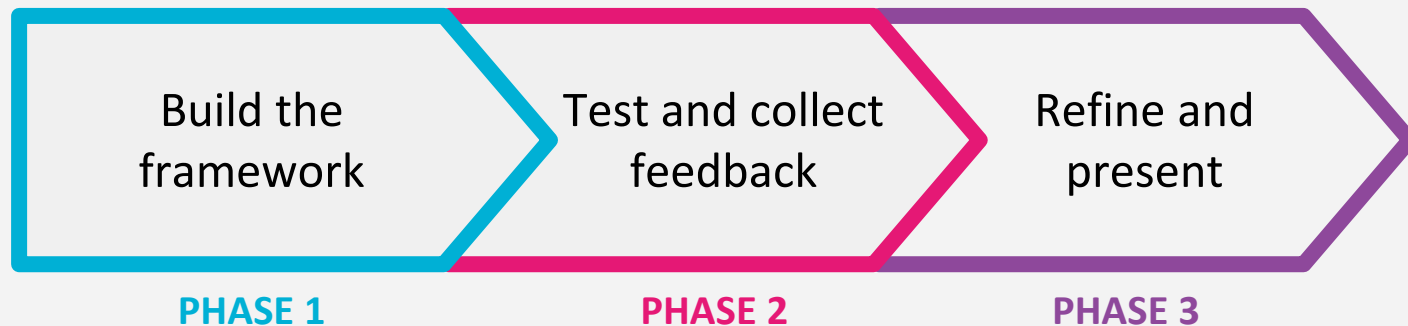
- Inform universities' design of policy, procedures, infrastructure and services
- Improve coordination of RDM within and between institutions
- While acknowledging differences in scale and maturity

OUR APPROACH

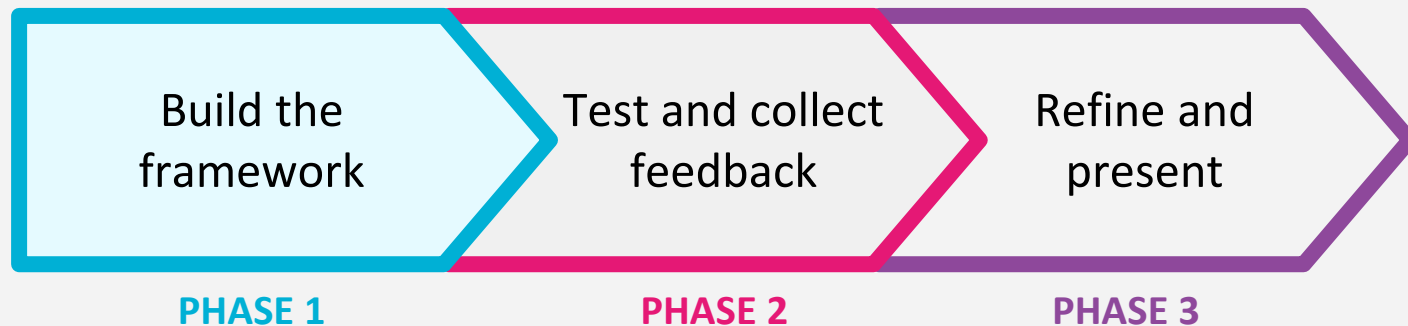
Models of RDM already exist... so what is this for?

- Focus on addressing current institutional needs
- Make the most of working together
- “Complete and Perfect” is impossible - what is valuable?

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REPRESENTING AUSTRALIA'S UNIVERSITIES

- All 43 Australian universities directly invited to contribute
- 30 unis participated in pre-program workshop to start to co-design desired outcomes
- 25 universities applied to participate - all successful

Participation in program at an institutional level - one lead representative, but with key contacts across university and mechanisms for within-university consultation

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Adele Haythornthwaite (University of Sydney)

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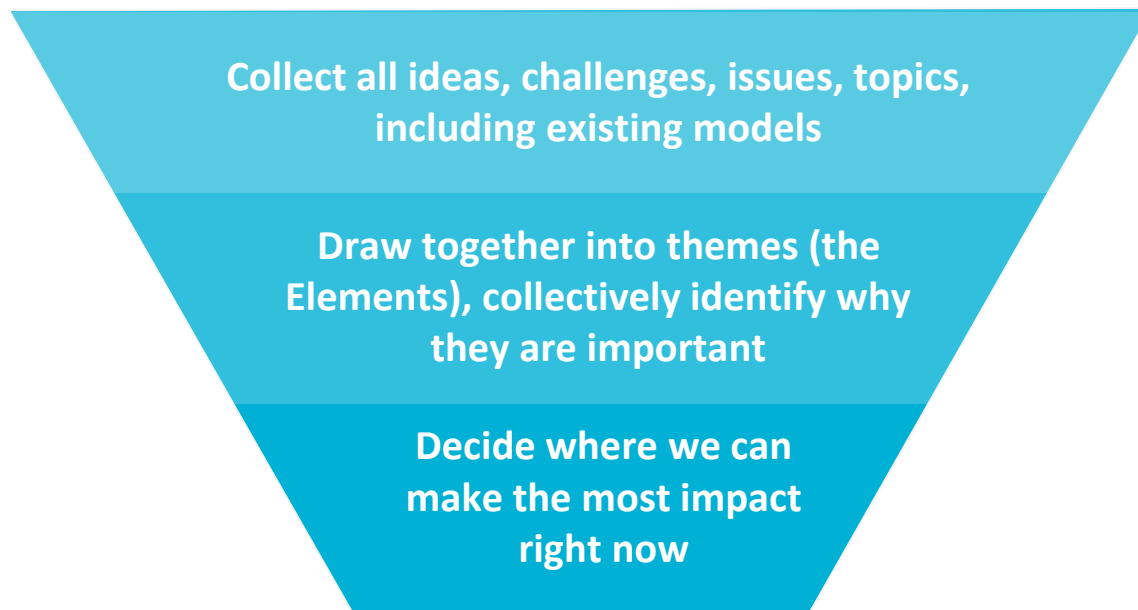
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BUILDING THE FRAMEWORK



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Framework Elements

Culture Change	Data Ownership
Retention and Disposal	Identifiers and Metadata
Support, Training and Guidance	Funding and Sustainability
Data Management Planning	Standards and Guidelines
Sensitive Data	Cybersecurity
Active Data Management	Non-Digital Material
Sharing, Publication, and Open Research	Governance
Policy	Digital Preservation

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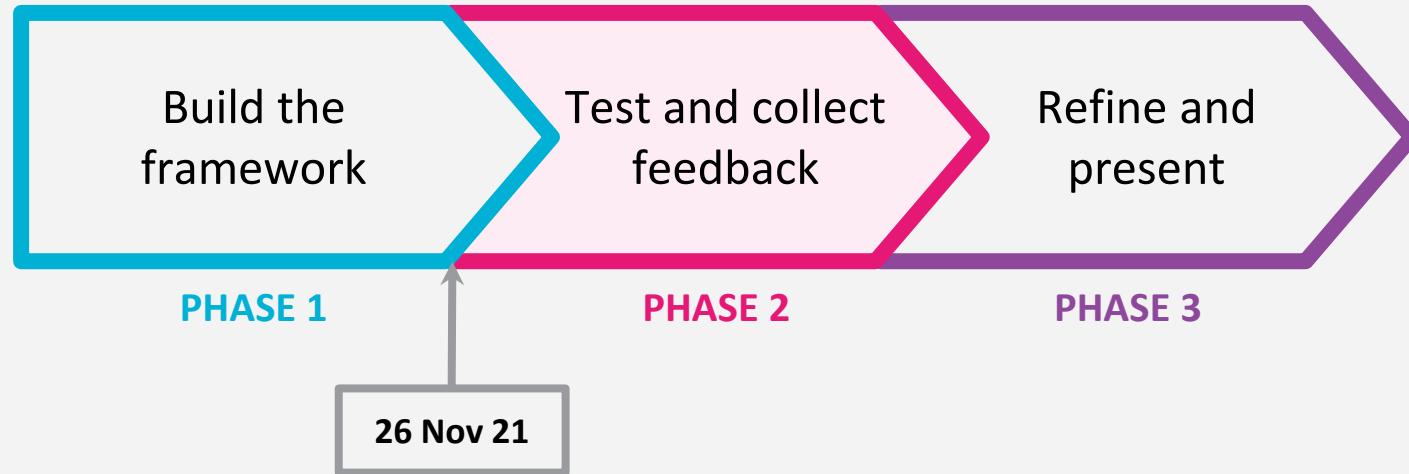
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Selected for development in Working Groups

- Commonalities and differences in need and approach
- Recommendations and advice
- Calls to action
- Case studies and other resources

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LOCAL IMPLEMENTATIONS OF THE FRAMEWORK

Universities test an aspect of the framework locally

- 22 projects (2 collaborations between universities)
- Leveraging current work for best engagement and outcomes
- Provide feedback on framework
- Produce reusable outputs for other units

Related projects clustered together to share throughout process

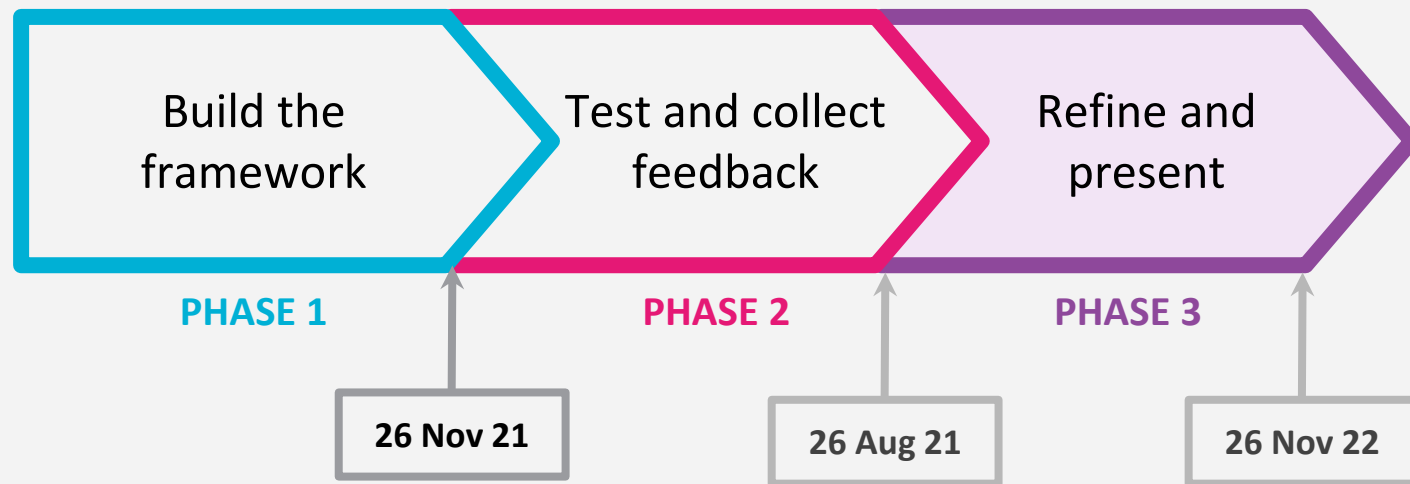
FEEDBACK FROM SECTOR CONSULTATION

Aims:

- Share our work so far with the sector
- Collect input from external stakeholders, including:
 - Non-participating Australian universities
 - Funders and peak bodies
 - Other research institutions

Mid-March to late May

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What did you get out of this workshop?

Many of us seem to have similar concerns that the framework can address

A better understanding that most of our institutions are facing similar challenges and there may be some excellent solutions

a sense of common goals

Institutions are at different stages of development of RDM

Clearer vision about what will benefit the community

More perspectives from other institutions

A better understanding of the core factors under consideration and an idea of how others are already tackling them

learned about what's happening at other institutions

good to know how institutions are

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