

REFRESHING THE NATIONAL RESEARCH PRIORITIES 2012 - SUBMISSION TEMPLATE

<p>1. Does the proposed wording of the new <i>Enhancing Society, Culture and Communities</i> NRP and its associated priority goals provide an opportunity for researchers within the humanities, arts and social sciences to contribute to Australia's research priorities?</p>	
<p>Your response:</p> <p>(i) Yes.</p> <p>(ii) CAMD would suggest however that the word 'values' would be more appropriate than 'celebrates' in the opening sentence.</p>	<p>Rationale:</p> <p>(i) CAMD welcomes the inclusion of the new NRP and the recognition it accords the research contribution of the humanities, arts and social sciences.</p> <p>(ii) The use of 'values' suggests a more reflective and critical approach to 'culture, knowledge, inclusion, wellbeing and active citizenship'.</p>
<p>2. Do you consider that those suggested adequately cover the areas of national priority of particular importance to the HASS disciplines? Please provide specific example of any alternate goals and the context to explain your comments or suggestions.</p>	
<p>Your response:</p> <p>(i) Yes, with the following suggested amendments:</p> <p>(ii) The wording under 'Fostering a creative and imaginative Australia' would be clearer if reference was made to 'culture' instead of 'art' or 'art and culture' or if 'cultural industries' was amended to read 'cultural activities'.</p> <p>(iii) Some thought might be given to the order of the priority goals. Rather than sit as the last goal, 'Indigenous Australia' might be moved to the top of the list followed by 'Culture, Heritage and Identity' and then 'Fostering a creative and Imaginative Australia'.</p>	<p>Rationale:</p> <p>(i) The suggested priority goals appear to cover an appropriately wide range of HASS specialist disciplines.</p> <p>(ii) The intent is to ensure that the role of culture (which is much broader than arts alone) is acknowledged in fostering a creative and imaginative Australia.</p> <p>The term 'cultural industries' is often defined quite narrowly and may not be considered by some to cover, for example, the cultural activities undertaken by museums.</p> <p>(iii) 'Indigenous Australia' and 'Culture, Heritage and Identity' provide the bedrock of Australia's cultural memory and springboards for the types of new ideas and new forms of cultural expression which underpin a creative and imaginative Australia. There is also a well-documented, pressing need for further research aimed at improving the wellbeing of many in Indigenous communities.</p>
<p>3. Do the descriptions underneath the draft NRP and each priority goals adequately explain their purposes? Please provide specific example of any alternate text and the context to explain your comments or suggestions.</p>	
<p>Your response:</p> <p>(i) Yes, with the following suggested amendments:</p>	<p>Rationale:</p> <p>(i) See suggested amendments.</p>

<p>(ii) In the sub-heading 'Culture, heritage and identity', 'heritage' should be replaced by 'history'.</p> <p>(iii) Consistency is required in the description accompanying the above priority goal. If 'histories' is used then 'identity' and 'culture' should also be plural.</p>	<p>(ii) History is a specific academic discipline which encompasses 'heritage'.</p> <p>(iii) As the term 'multicultural' has recognised, Australia is host to many identities and cultures as well as having many histories.</p>
<p>4. Are there any amendments which should be considered to the existing language of <i>An Environmentally Sustainable Australia</i> NRP and/or its associated priority goals to refresh its relevance to contemporary Australia? Please comment on the proposed amendments provided above, provide specific examples of any new proposed amendments and provide the context to explain your comments and suggestions.</p>	
<p>Your response:</p> <p>(i) Either a further priority goal is required which reflects the need for research on how best to engage the community in seeking an environmentally sustainable Australia or each priority goal should explicitly deal with the importance of community involvement and understanding and the HASS research which contributes to this vital component.</p> <p>(ii) The description under the priority goal 'Sustainable use of Australia's biodiversity' should address the need for 'Understanding, managing and protecting Australia's terrestrial and marine biology ...'</p>	<p>Rationale:</p> <p>(i) It has been clear in recent years that community understanding and engagement in debate and action is a critical aspect of progress towards environmental sustainability.</p> <p>(ii) The rewritten goal acknowledges that research by museums and other research institutions is still needed to discover and understand Australia's biodiversity.</p>
<p>5. Are there any amendments which should be considered to the existing language of the <i>Promoting and Maintaining Good Health</i> NRP and/or its associated priority goals to refresh its relevance to contemporary Australia? Please comment on the proposed amendments provided above, provide specific examples of any new proposed amendments and provide the context to explain your comments and suggestions.</p>	
<p>Your response:</p> <p>No comment</p>	<p>Rationale:</p> <p>No comment</p>
<p>6. Are there any amendments which should be considered to the existing language of the <i>Frontier Technologies for Building and Transforming Australian Industries</i> NRP and/or its associated priority goals to refresh its relevance to contemporary Australia? Please comment on the proposed amendments provided above, provide specific examples of any new proposed amendments and provide the context to explain your comments and suggestions.</p>	
<p>Your response:</p> <p>No comment</p>	<p>Rationale:</p> <p>No comment</p>
<p>7. Are there any amendments which should be considered to the existing language of the <i>Safeguarding Australia</i> NRP and/or its associated priority goals to refresh its relevance to contemporary Australia? Please comment on the proposed amendments provided above, provide specific examples of any new proposed amendments and provide the context to explain your comments and suggestions.</p>	
<p>Your response:</p> <p>(i) The wording under the priority goal 'Protect Australia</p>	<p>Rationale:</p> <p>(i) This goal should acknowledge the need to</p>

from invasive diseases and pests' should refer to the need for research which understands the potential for invasive diseases and pests.	guard against and anticipate pest invasion rather than deal only with the aftermath.
8. Are there any further amendments or refinements which should be considered to the NRPs and/or their associated priority goals in order to reduce repetition or duplication?	
Your response: No.	Rationale:

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