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Linking research and policy: working at the boundary an update on the Science in Policy report

The Report: <http://www.innovation.gov.au/Science/Pages/APS200ProjectScienceinPolicy.aspx>



Science in Policy recommendations

1. Systematic approach to science in policy
 - Departments are implementing recommendations
 - Community of interest
2. Future science priorities
 - Policy research priorities
3. Capability in science and policy
 - A science-literate APS
 - APS/science agency cross-pollination
 - Learning & development frameworks
 - Workforce planning



Science in Policy recommendations

4. Relationships and communication

- Communities of practice & science liaison
- Science advisory mechanisms

5. Knowledge and data management

- Knowledge management strategies
- Whole-of-government management of publicly funded research data



Next steps – Implementation

- Systematic inclusion of science into policy
(Recommendation 1.1)
 - Coordinate responses from departments and agencies on how they have implemented research/science requirements to support policy making
- Initiating a community of interest
(Recommendation 1.2)
 - Across departments and agencies, across policy areas, across scientists and policymakers and policy researchers



Next steps – Implementation

- Prioritising future science and policy needs
(Recommendation 2.1)
 - Strategic Research Priorities process through ARCom

- Science liaison functions and existing science advisory mechanisms
(Recommendations 4.1 and 4.2)
 - Mapping of science liaison functions across departments and science agencies with the HC Coombs Policy Forum



A selection of boundary players

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