



Our Data Governance Framework

- sets out our approach to managing data over the lifecycle
- describes the principles, structures, and roles and responsibilities that underpin our policies and processes for data governance
- seeks to maximise the value of our data and ensure our data activities are aligned with our strategic objectives
- is designed to support our staff, at all levels, to manage data well so that it can be used and shared safely and effectively.

Framework in Action

Setting out the standards and expectations for effective management of data in the department.

Leadership

Formalising high-level roles and governance to drive robust and consistent oversight of data management across business areas.

Roles and responsibilities

Implementation



Measures of Success

Focus areas for Data Governance Framework Implementation

Policies and guidance

Providing rules and operational support for managing data.

Capabilities

Facilitating training, engagement, and knowledge sharing.

Systems and tools

Providing secure systems and tools to use data and manage through the lifecycle.

Key data roles and responsibilities



Chief Data Officer:

Accountable for enterprise-wide governance and use of data as an asset and building agency data capabilities



Privacy Champion:

Provides leadership on broader strategic privacy issues and promotes a culture that values and protects personal information



Chief Information Officer:

Oversees the department's technology and cyber security arrangements



Senior Data Stewards /Data Stewards:

Accountable for facilitating effective day-to-day management of data within a defined data domain or business area



All SES Officers:

Accountable for proper use of government data within their areas of business responsibility and for supporting efforts to build data capabilities



All staff:

Responsible for safe and appropriate use of data

Data Governance Principles

Our data assets are:

Business-enabling

We collect, manage, use and share data to enable policies and programs for the benefit of Australians.

Trusted

We ensure our processes for handling data are legal, secure, ethical and transparent.

Managed

We identify and mitigate risks across the data lifecycle.

Discoverable and Understandable

We support effective use of data by ensuring our data assets are discoverable, and understandable.

Fit for purpose

We ensure our data are understood and take measures to continuously improve quality and useability.

Shared and Published

We embed safe practices for use, re-use and sharing of data. Data are made publicly available where appropriate.

Our staff are:

Accountable

We have clear roles, responsibilities and accountabilities for the effective governance of our data, and the right skills and capabilities to do this well.

The Framework supports the department to:



Deliver data driven policies and programs



Treat data as an asset



Implement our data strategy effectively



Uplift data and analytical capability



Improve availability and accessibility of data for users



Empower staff to use data effectively