

National Health and Medical Research Strategy

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Webinar overview

- Why do we need a National Strategy?
- Role of National Health and Medical Research Strategy Chair
- Chair expectations
- National Strategy development process
- Consultation process
- Next steps
- Q & A

Why do we need a National Strategy?

- The National Strategy will strengthen Australia's world-leading health and medical research capability.
- It will foster a strong research workforce, creating an attractive investment environment necessary for a sustainable research pipeline from discovery and innovation to translation and commercialisation, improving the health of Australians.
- It will cover the entire sector and include all levels of government, industry, philanthropy, academia and consumers.

Role of the National Health and Medical Research Strategy Chair

- Work with the Department of Health and Aged Care (department) and the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) to lead the development of the National Strategy for the Minister for Health and Aged Care.
- Provide objective and relevant advice to the department in the National Strategy development process.
- Lead the consultation process with the health and medical research sector.

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Previous positions

- Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of Finance from 2016-2022.
- Deputy Secretary Budget in the Department of Finance from 2013-2016.
- Senior positions in the Department of Health and Ageing 2003-2013, including Deputy Secretary from 2009.

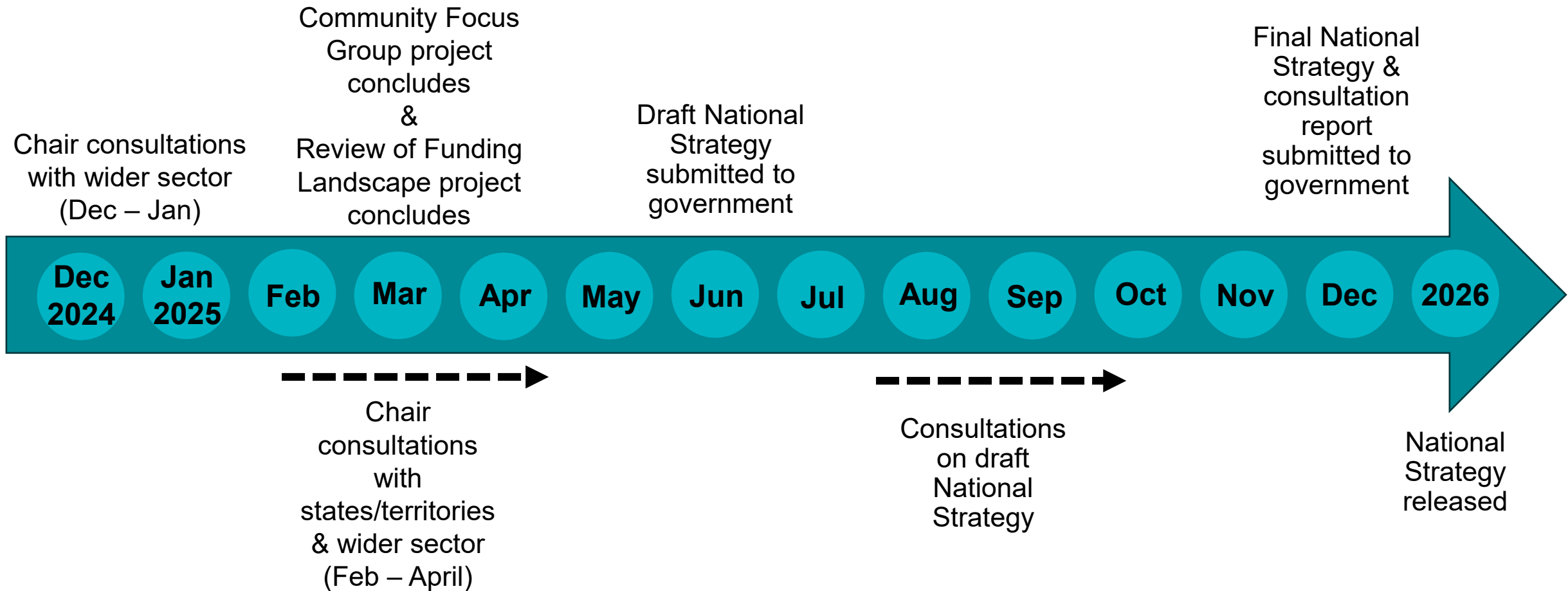
National Strategy expectations

- The National Strategy aims to:
 - Build on work that has already been done, including existing strategic plans and recent consultations – these form a foundation.
 - Establish a common understanding by engaging with the evidence: identify areas of national strength and capability gaps.
 - Find solutions together that can be implemented, informed by international experience.
 - Put the research landscape on a coordinated footing going forward.
- The National Strategy will provide recommendations to:
 - Ensure all Australians benefit from health and medical research by producing better health outcomes for the community.
 - Optimise existing money in health and medical research, encourage greater coordination and partnerships across the sector and improve efficiency and effectiveness of research efforts.

Governance

- Chair
 - Lead consultations and provide objective and relevant advice to the Department on what is being said by the sector.
- Interdepartmental Committee
 - Intergovernmental engagement and collaborative committee to support the National Strategy.
 - Ensure cohesion and alignment between other work occurring concurrently across government and agencies such as the Strategic Examination of R&D.
- Support from AMRAB and NHMRC Council

Timeline



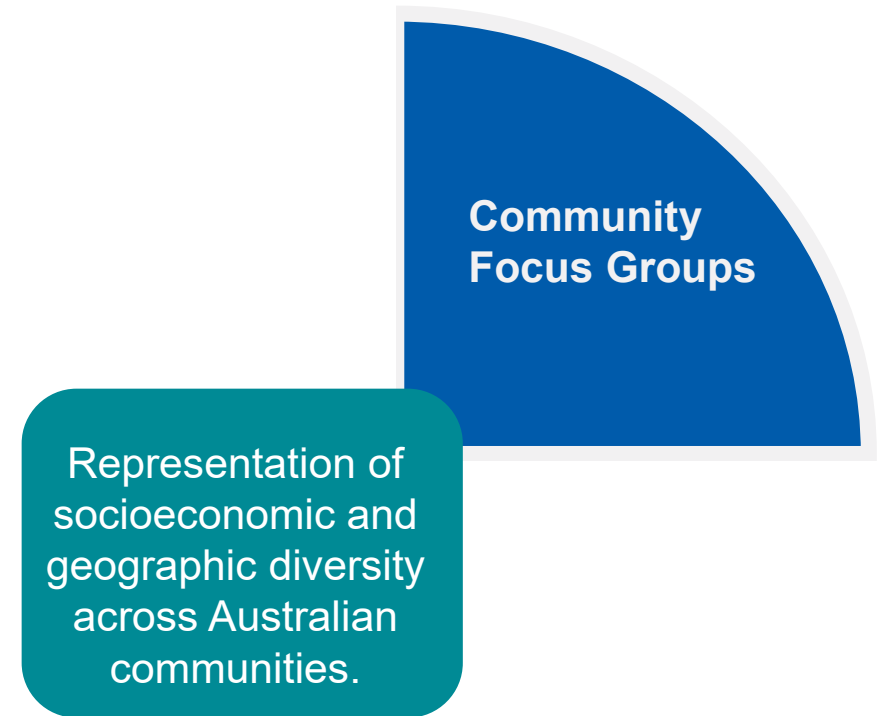
Development process

- Extensive consultation
- Evidence-based approach
- Ensure that all components of health and medical research are considered in the National Strategy development.



Community focus groups

- To generate a review of general public experiential knowledge and current perceptions and attitudes towards health and medical research in Australia.
- Report will be released on the Department's website.



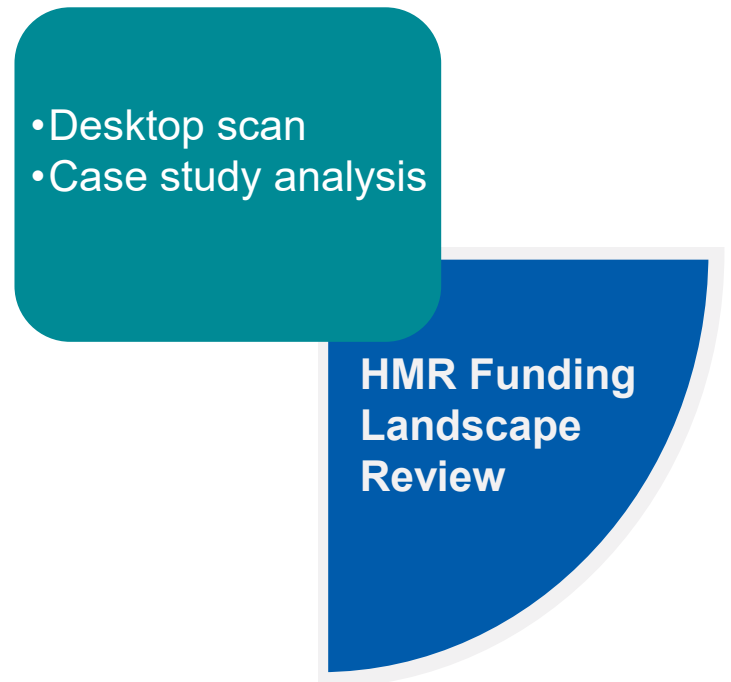
Health and medical research workforce audit

- To map the current capacity, capability and gaps in the research workforce, as well as provide an understanding of existing traditional and non-traditional research career pathways.
- Report has been released on the Department's website.



Health and medical research funding landscape review

- To consolidate information on health and medical research funding. It will provide a broad overview of the funding landscape, and some greater depth of detail.
- Report will be released on the Department's website.



International and national strategy priority analysis

- To identify specific health and medical research strategies for countries other than Australia, states and territories, and other resources used in strategic development processes.
- Other countries reviewed include:
 - United Kingdom
 - Canada
 - New Zealand
 - Singapore
 - Japan



Next steps

- Projects for evidence collection to continue into 2025.
- Rolling consultations through development process.
- Survey to gain sector views on the National Strategy.
 - Opening date: 5 December 2024
 - Closing date: 28 February 2025



Common questions so far

- Linkages with state and territory strategies/other key strategic pieces of work concurrently underway
- Workforce
- Priority setting
- Consumer and community involvement

National Strategy - keep connected



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Website

**[www.health.gov.au/our-
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medical-research-strategy](http://www.health.gov.au/our-work/national-health-and-medical-research-strategy)**



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Questions

