



Submission Form

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Please attach this form to your submission.

Questions:

To assist you in shaping your views, we are particularly interested in the following questions.

On connection

What do you think of the new connection goal – is it ambitious enough?

What other key priorities in this focus area (if any) would you like to see considered?

How well do the identified challenges and actions contribute to achieving the priorities?

What other specific challenges and actions (if any) do you think should be considered? By whom and by when?

On confidence

What do you think of the new confidence goal – is it ambitious enough?

What other key priorities in this focus area (if any) would you like to see considered?

How well do the identified challenges and actions contribute to achieving the priorities?

What other specific challenges and actions (if any) do you think should be considered? By whom and by when?

On content

What do you think of the new content goal – is it ambitious enough?

What other key priorities in this focus area (if any) would you like to see considered?

How well do the identified challenges and actions contribute to achieving the priorities?

What other specific challenges and actions (if any) do you think should be considered? By whom and by when?

**On collaboration**

How important do you think collaboration across sectors is to achieving our digital potential?

Apart from the ones already identified, what other collaboration partners or sectors (if any) are vital to achieving our digital potential?

What unique contribution do you see for Māori, for communities, for business groups, for local government, for researchers or for other contributors you identify as having a key role?

What would you like to see the overarching sector forum focus its work programme on?

On achieving our digital potential

Using digital technology, what contribution will you make to improving our productivity (achieving a creative, knowledge-based, high-income economy)?

Using digital technology, what contribution will you make to enriching and valuing New Zealand communities and cultures, and promoting our unique national identity?

Using digital technology, what contribution will you make to achieving sustainable growth as a nation?

What contribution do you think others need to make to achieve our digital potential?

Other comments

Do you have any further suggestions or comments?

Post to Digital Strategy 2.0 Submission
 Digital Development Group
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Fax to 04 499 0969

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Submission from the KRIS Governance Group

About us

The KRIS Governance has the purpose of determining policy and promoting good practice in regard to the management and future direction of the Kiwi Research Information Service (KRIS – described on page 30 of the Draft Digital Strategy 2.0).

The group currently contains representatives from the Council of New Zealand University Librarians (CONZUL), the New Zealand Vice Chancellors Committee (NZVCC) Standing Committee on IT (SCIT) and Standing Committee on Research, polytechnics, Crown Research Institutes, the National Library of New Zealand, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology.

Our feedback

The KRIS Governance Group's feedback relates to

Section 5.3 (p.30), Digital Culture Actions.

We note that one of the actions on this page is:

Developing the Kiwi Research Information Service

A nationwide network of research repositories to ensure New Zealand's publicly funded research results are available online.

The National Library is noted as the lead agency for this action, with timing by 2008 and baseline budget funding.

We want to make the following points about this action:

- 1. The definition of KRIS is incorrect. KRIS is not “a nationwide network of research repositories”.**

KRIS is a set of services that provide a gateway to content held in various research repositories around New Zealand, but it is quite separate from them.

KRIS adds value to the repositories by “harvesting” their metadata and re-delivering it in a number of ways, including newsfeeds and alerts, and the website nzresearch.org.nz.

KRIS also has a role in facilitating further harvesting by larger international aggregators like GoogleScholar and Scirus, which improves the discoverability of New Zealand research results in the context of global scientific and scholarly research.

- 2. The description of KRIS's role is incorrect. KRIS itself cannot “ensure New Zealand's publicly funded research results are available online”.**

KRIS has been developed by the National Library to provide enhanced opportunities for *discovery* of New Zealand's publicly funded research results, however it is not responsible for creating and placing these research results online. This responsibility belongs to the individual organisations that choose to establish research repositories.



These repositories are likely to contain both publicly-funded research, as well as NZ research that has been funded through other means.

Recommendation

We recommend that the wording of this action be amended to reflect KRIS's definition and purpose:

Developing the Kiwi Research Information Service

A set of services that improve access to the research results available in NZ's online research repositories.

Further comments

We note that the current list of actions does not cover support for the establishment and maintenance of research repositories.

The KRIS Governance Group has a role in supporting the overall development of a vibrant repository landscape in New Zealand, but given the short timeframe available, we have focused on KRIS and not on the identification of Digital Strategy actions that would support repositories in specific sectors and individual institutions. We expect colleagues from associated groups such as the Council of New Zealand University Librarians (CONZUL), the Crown Research Institutes and the polytechnics to address issues around support for research repositories as part of other submissions.

We note, however, that since KRIS aggregates content from existing research repositories, its success is dependent upon the further development of existing and new NZ research repositories.