

Submission Template

2016 National Research Infrastructure Roadmap Capability Issues Paper

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Introduction

The Western Australian Museum is the State's premier cultural organisation, housing WA's scientific and cultural collection. For over 120 years, the Western Australian Museum has been making the State's natural and social heritage accessible and engaging through research, exhibitions and public programs.

Its collections number over 8 million individual items and it has one of the most active research programs of any Australian Museum, particularly in the areas of natural sciences, earth and planetary sciences, archaeology, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' cultural materials; post-European settlement and maritime archaeology.

National Research Infrastructure Capability Issues Paper

The Western Australian Museum welcomes the publication of the National Research Infrastructure Capability Issues Paper and the opportunity to comment.

As the respondent on behalf of the Western Australian Museum, I, Alec Coles (CEO of the Western Australian Museum) was a member of the Capability Expert Panel for Understanding Culture and Communities.

I am also the Chair of the International Council for Museums (ICOM) in Australia and have been responsible for drafting the ICOM Australia response to the Roadmap Issues paper. My response, on behalf of the Western Australian Museum, would be identical to that provided on behalf of ICOM Australia, and therefore, rather than repeating the ICOM submission, verbatim, here, I would like to endorse it 100% on behalf of the Western Australian Museum and treat it, in effect, as a joint submission.

In addition, I have been involved in the preparation of the responses by both the Australian Academy for the Humanities and the Council for Australasian Museum Directors. On behalf of the Western Australian Museum, therefore, I would also like to endorse these responses.

Thank you, once again, for the opportunity to comment.

Alec Coles OBE

Chief Executive Officer

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