HASS and Indigenous RDC information session Q&A

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Referenced and/or related documents:
- [Improving HASS and Indigenous research infrastructure](#) - DESE, 9 November 2020
- [2020 Research Infrastructure Investment Plan](#) - DESE, 23 November 2020

These notes are a summary of questions raised during the Q&A session held on the 8th Feb 2021 via zoom. They are not a transcript of the meeting. If participants would like to comment on any omissions or errors in interpretation they can be brought to ARDC via sending an email to ceo@ardc.edu.au and we will attend to them as soon as possible.

Timelines:
What are the HASS and Indigenous RDC timeframes?
- *The announcement from the Government proposed an "investment over three years"[1].*
- *ARDC will be employing a HASS Program Manager role to take carriage of the HASS RDC Activity Plans. At this stage we are unable to provide a date for completion.*

Funding and Co-Investment:
What forms of co-investment does ARDC expect and how will it be delivered?
- *The ARDC does not mandate that the source of a coinvestment be from any particular partner type (eg University, Philanthropy, State Govt, other sources).*
- *ARDC also considers non-cash contributions to be co-investment, including contributed time and other resources.*

How will the funding be distributed?
- *The funding will be split four ways to accommodate the four programs of work. The relative and absolute splits of the funding is however dependent on the work of the program manager and stakeholders in identifying and describing the Activity Plans.*
- *We are unable to answer whether funding will come via particular groups at this point in time as this is dependent on the Activity Plans, to be developed by the Program Manager and stakeholders.*

Scope:
What data are considered in scope?

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[1] https://www.dese.gov.au/2020-research-infrastructure-investment-plan/resources/2020-research-infrastructure-investment-plan

- *In regards to the Trove activity, this activity will be focused on Trove and other NLA collections but it is intended to provide a foundation for future activity that can address material from other sources which can be made available to researchers.*

Will this program consider challenges such as network connectivity to user and language challenges?
- *We are unable to answer this question at the moment as it is dependent on the Activity Plan, to be developed by the Program Manager and stakeholders.*

Future - NCRIS roadmap
Will the activities described in this program form one or more NCRIS capabilities in the future?
- *We are unable to answer this question at the moment as it is dependent on the Activity Plans and the outputs of the projects, but it is worthwhile to consider the scale and scope of existing NCRIS capabilities. It would perhaps be useful to think of the package of HASS RDC projects that make up this program as the foundation of a potential HASS-I capability.*

What are the hallmarks of success through this program for the ARDC (and for the 4 groups outlined)?
- *A key success factor will be the description and delivery of a package of works which provide significant benefit to HASS (and Indigenous) research communities and for which there is strong support in the HASS sector.*
- *Specific success criteria will be described in the Activity Plans.*

Governance and Delivery
Can you give us an outline of governance structure and advisory processes for the program?
- *We are unable to answer this question at the moment as it is dependent on the Activity Plans. Stakeholder engagement in a governance model that addresses national challenges, including around storage and custodianship of data that relates to Indigenous Australians, is seen as integral to success.*
- *The CARE and FAIR principles are central to all of ARDC's activities and will be central to the HASS and Indigenous RDC.*
- *While all projects have different stakeholders, aims and objectives, it is anticipated that there will be consistency in approaches through considering them as a program of works rather than four individual and isolated activities.*
- *ARDC has identified the HASS and Indigenous RDC as a good opportunity for a forum to identify and connect with other government agencies and strategies related to Indigenous data & digital platforms (eg AIATSIS, NIAA, & Productivity Commission). The nature of these interactions will be further defined in the Activity Plans.*

Sustainability
What considerations have been given to the sustainability of outputs?
- *The Activity Plans will describe approaches to sustainability across the projects.*

- *The ARDC regards successful delivery of these activities, in partnership with researchers, institutions, and data stewards, as laying a foundation that justifies future investment in projects that further develop and enhance the HASS and Indigenous RDC with additional capability and resources (including data from a broad range of sources) through enhanced abilities to deliver high-impact research and new avenues for innovation.*