Research funding in Australia

- Australian Research Council (ARC) and National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) provide bulk of competitive government funding
- Funding also comes from other government bodies, private industry, international collaboration, and overseas funding bodies
Sharing and other requirements

- NHMRC – publications must be deposited (July 2012)
- ARC – publications must be deposited (Jan 2013)

**Data:**
- No requirements from either (BUT: both now “encourage” it)
- No history of disciplinary data stores
- No requirements for data management planning
Research infrastructure funding

- Department of Industry, Innovation, Research, Science and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE)
  - National Computational Infrastructure (NCI).
  - Research Storage Infrastructure (RDSI)
  - Australian National Data Service (ANDS)
  - National eResearch Collaboration Tools and Resources (NeCTAR).
Consequences

- Storage nodes now in place in most states
- Large scale engagement on data management issues and capability building at virtually all universities
  - 75% of unis have a data management policy in place or in progress
- Development of a range of tools
Going forward – shorter term

- Collaborative Research Infrastructure Scheme (CRIS)
- The scheme will provide $60 million to support the operation of critical national, collaborative research infrastructure facilities up to 31 December 2014.
Going forward – longer term

- Australian Research Committee (ARCom) -
  - to provide integrated and strategic advice on future research investments, including in the areas of human capital, infrastructure and collaborative activities

- National Research Investment Plan
  - sets out a comprehensive national research investment planning process.
  - enable a coordinated, whole-of-government approach to research investment that is structured to meet national needs and provide value for money.
  - released on 28 November 2012.
Thank you

- Questions?

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