General ERA Principles

1. Unit of Evaluation is the four-digit ANZSRC Field of Research code (i.e. 157 possible Units of Evaluation); evaluation occurs at the two-digit level as well
2. Evaluation by Research Evaluation Committees in discipline clusters; eight clusters in total
3. There is a minimum level of output for a discipline to be considered ‘research active’ for evaluation in ERA
4. Evaluations informed by a ‘dashboard’ of discipline-specific indicators
5. Some peer review of outputs accessed through institutional repositories in some clusters

ERA Process Overview

- Metrics Profile 1
- Metrics Profile 2
- Metrics Profile 3
- Metrics Profile 4
- Metrics Profile 5
- Metrics Profile 6
- Peer Review (if included)

Research Evaluation Committee

Final report

Mythbusting - Ranked Outlets

- Only one of a number of unweighted indicators on the “Dashboard”
- Ranked conferences are essential for ICT, Engineering & Built Environment
- Note discipline-specific practices

Role of the ranked outlets list in ERA

- Ranked journals
- Ranked conferences
  - FoR assignments
  - Ranks used for ranked journal/conference profile
  - FoR assignments used to derive discipline specific benchmarks for citation analysis

Developing the ranked journal list

Initial development by Learned Academies and Peak bodies
Public consultation (June-Aug 2008)
Expert Review of the public feedback
Omitted journal public feedback (Aug-Nov 2009)
Final expert review of consolidated list (Dec 2009 – Jan 2010)
Parameters for inclusion in the lists

- academic/scholarly
- publishes original research
- peer reviewed or equivalent process
- active during the ERA reference period (2003-2008)
- has an ISSN
- able to withstand international scrutiny

The 2010 Ranked Outlet Lists

- The 2010 lists are fixed for this ERA evaluation
- ERA 2010 Ranked Journal List
  - 20,712 journals included
  - Over 88% agreement on ranks and FoR
- ERA 2010 Ranked Conference List
  - 1,952 conferences included

Questions