

# Research Assessment in Australia: Evidence for Modernisation

A Report for the Office of the Chief Scientist

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# WHAT WE DID

## Defined

- Research assessment as the processes and metrics used to evaluate the performance of researchers and research institutions, including the quality, excellence, and impact of various outputs

## Conducted

- Reviews of national and international approaches
- Surveys of individuals and organisations
- Interviews with individuals and roundtables with groups

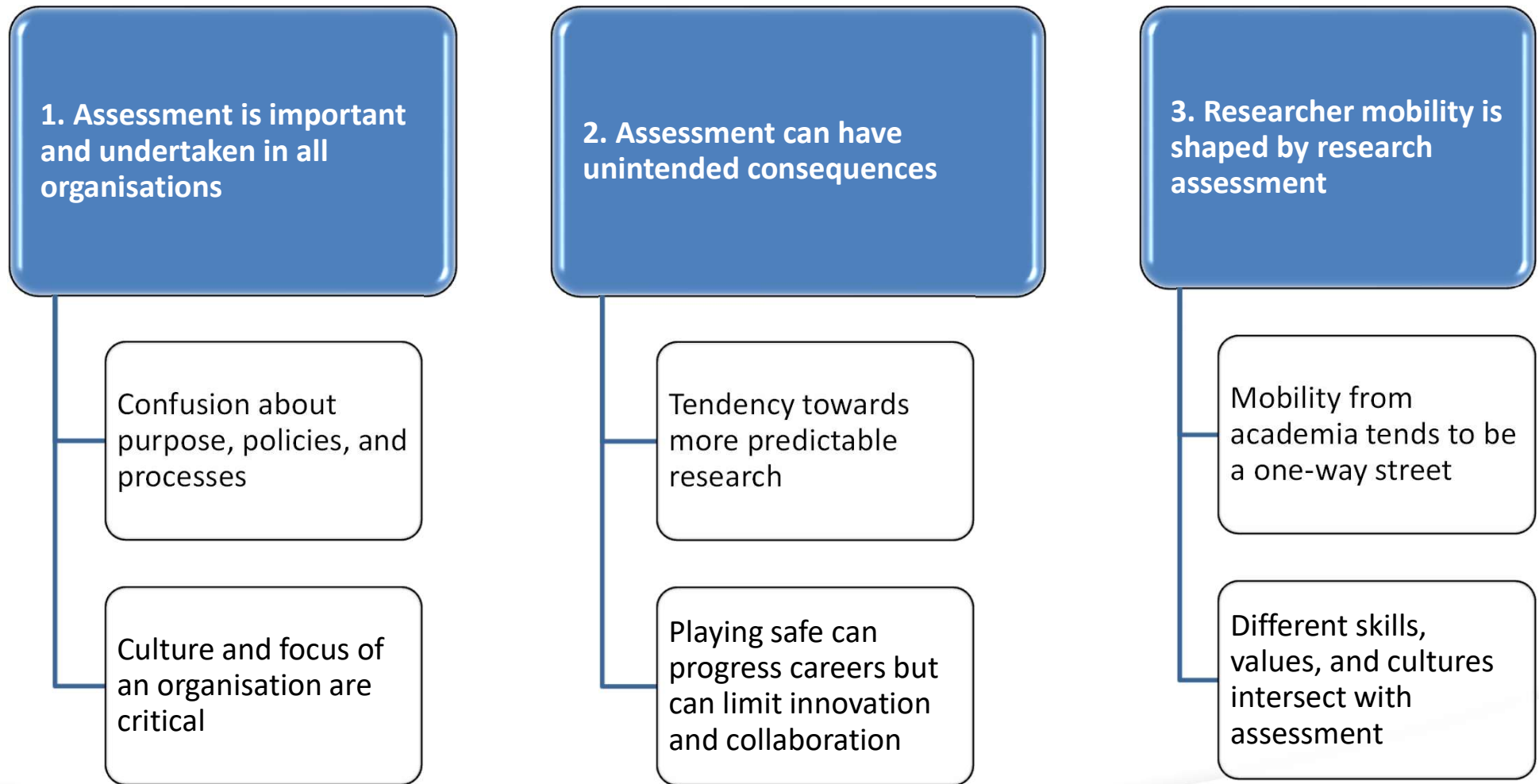
## Understood

- Wider reform context
- Organisational context
- Scope of work and consultation limitations

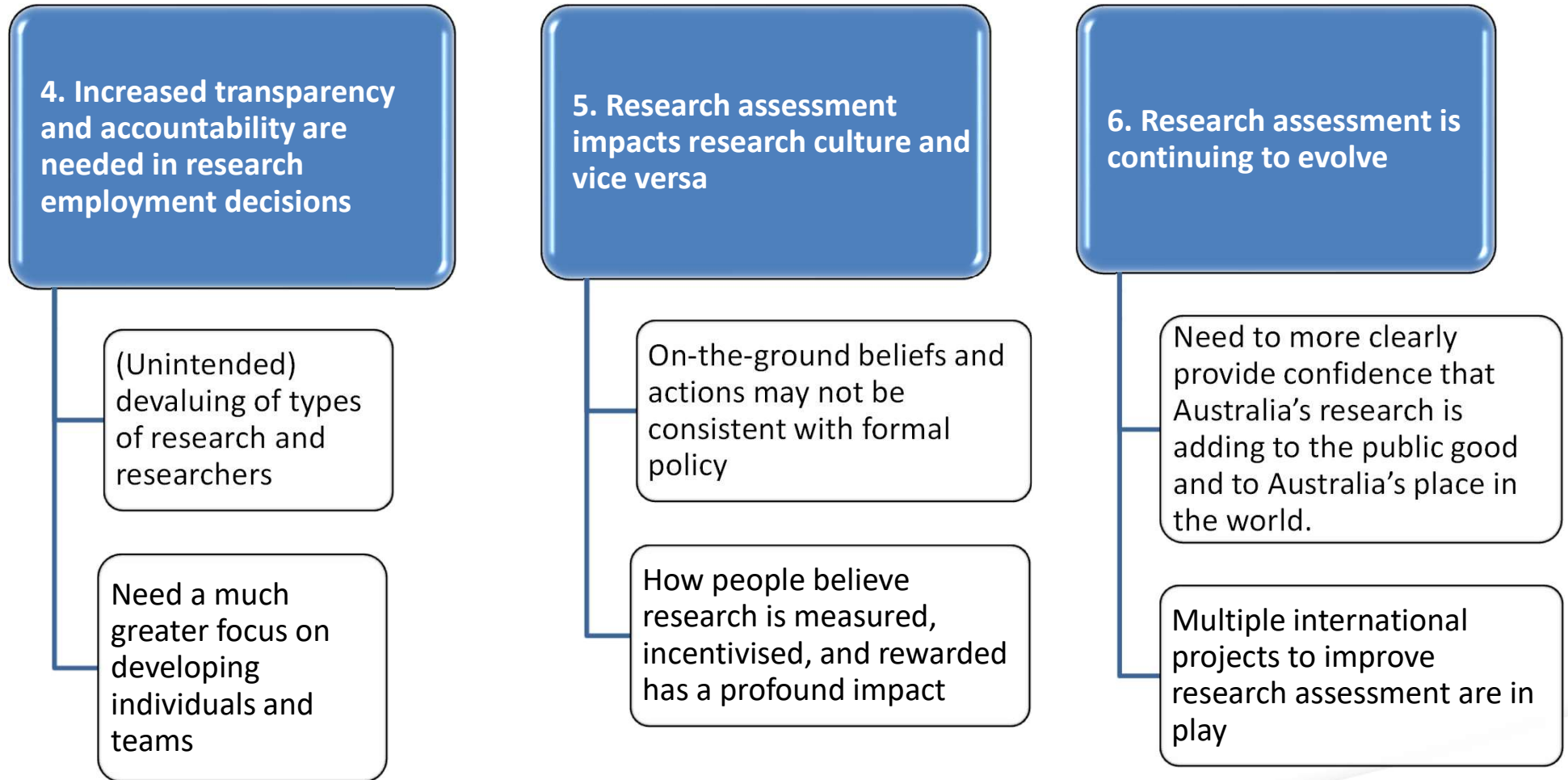
## Engaged in

- Analysis and synthesis of the quantitative and qualitative information
- Discussion through Expert Working Group and Office of the Chief Scientist interactions
- Developing a report that (we hope) is informed and detailed, offers opportunities and considerations, but makes no recommendations

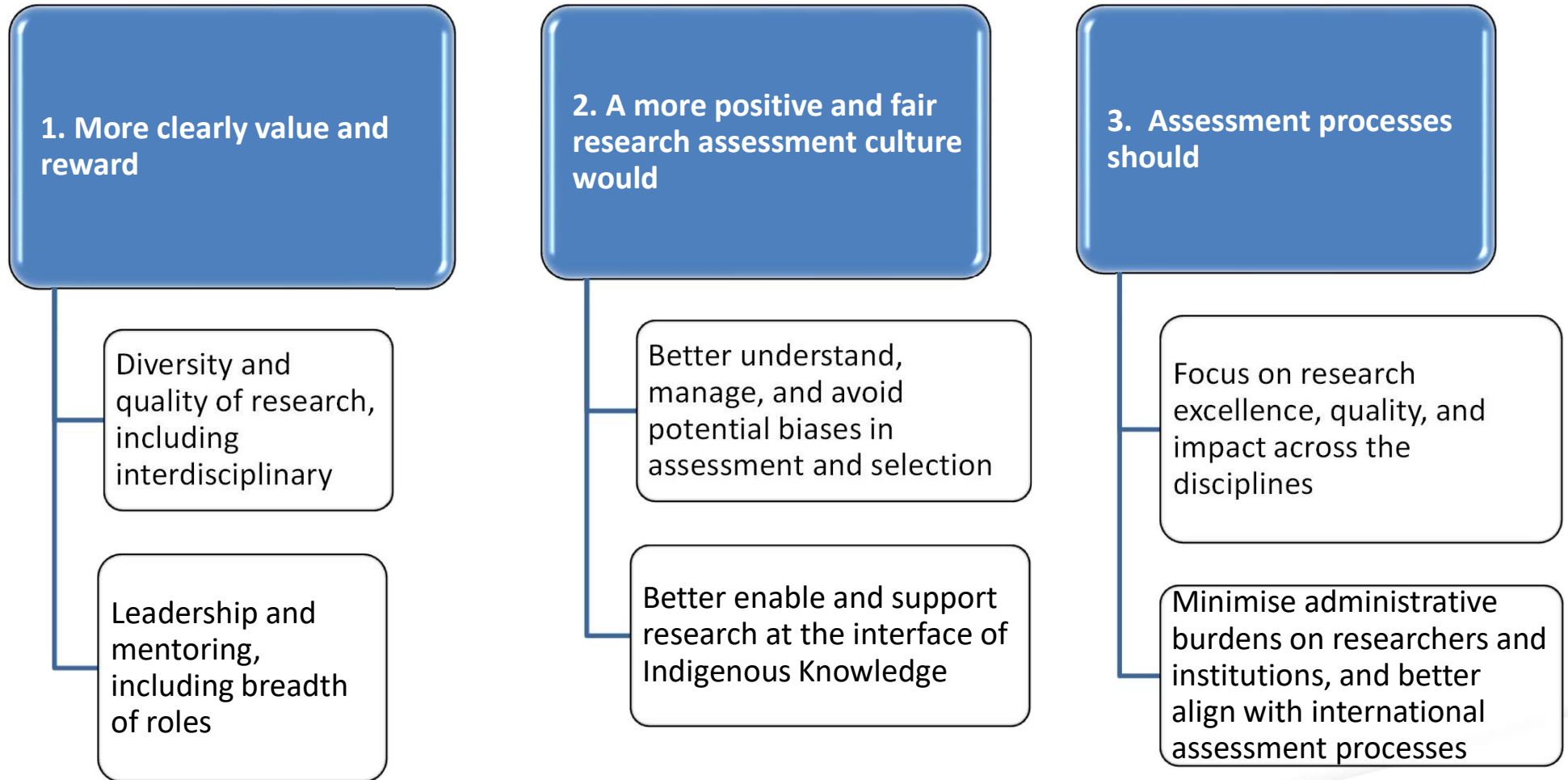
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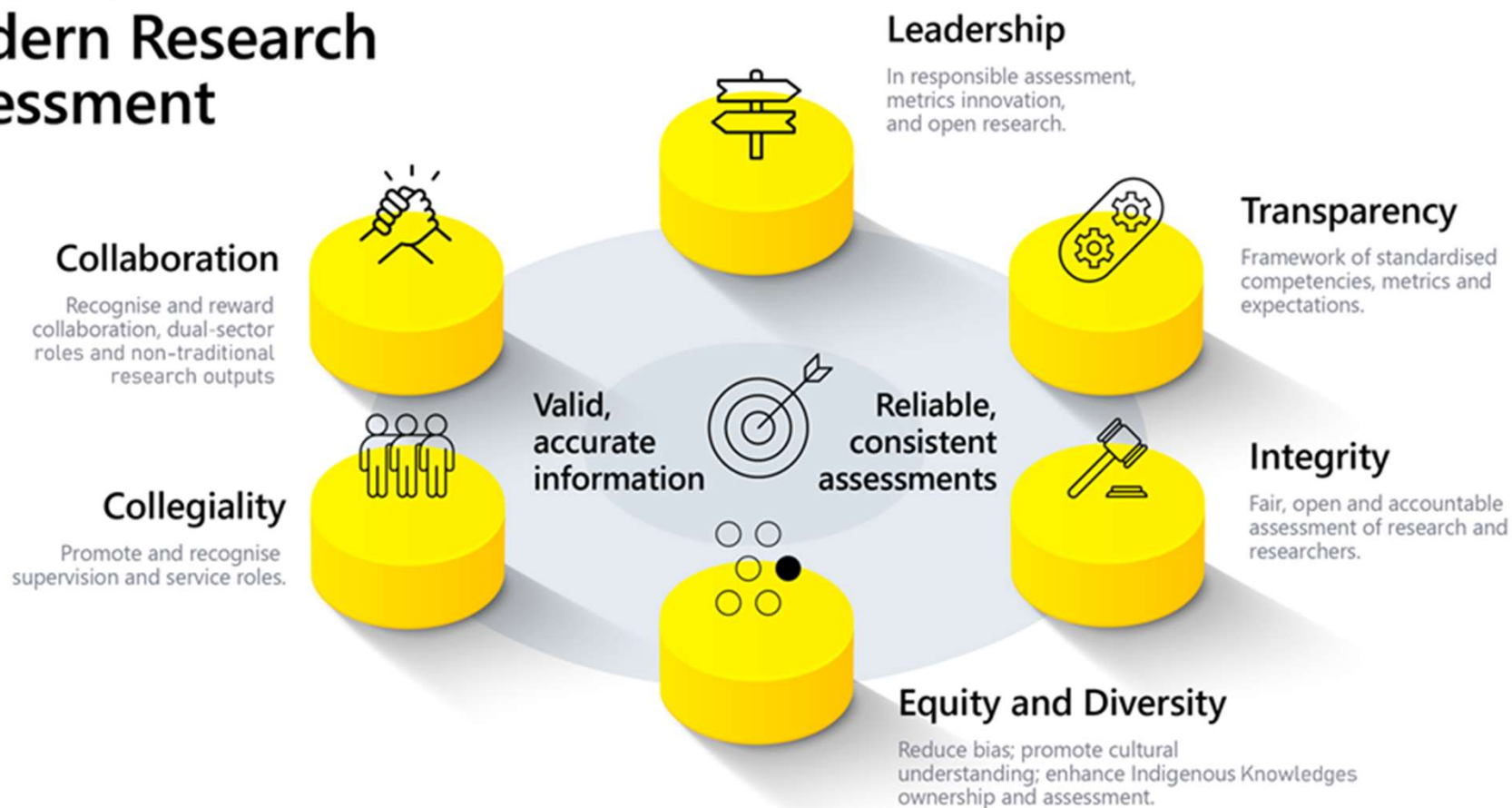


# CONSIDERATIONS (1)



# CONSIDERATIONS (2)

## The Pillars of Modern Research Assessment



# CONCLUDING COMMENT

The report provides evidence and analysis, as well as a conceptual framework. We hope it is a portion of what is needed.

In the interests of the next generation of researchers, the range of research occurring in Australia, and the need to stimulate innovation, in my view the approach and culture around research assessment needs to be broader, fairer, and more consistent with international trends.