



**NEW ZEALAND
RESEARCH
INFORMATION
SYSTEM**

INTRODUCTION TO NZRIS

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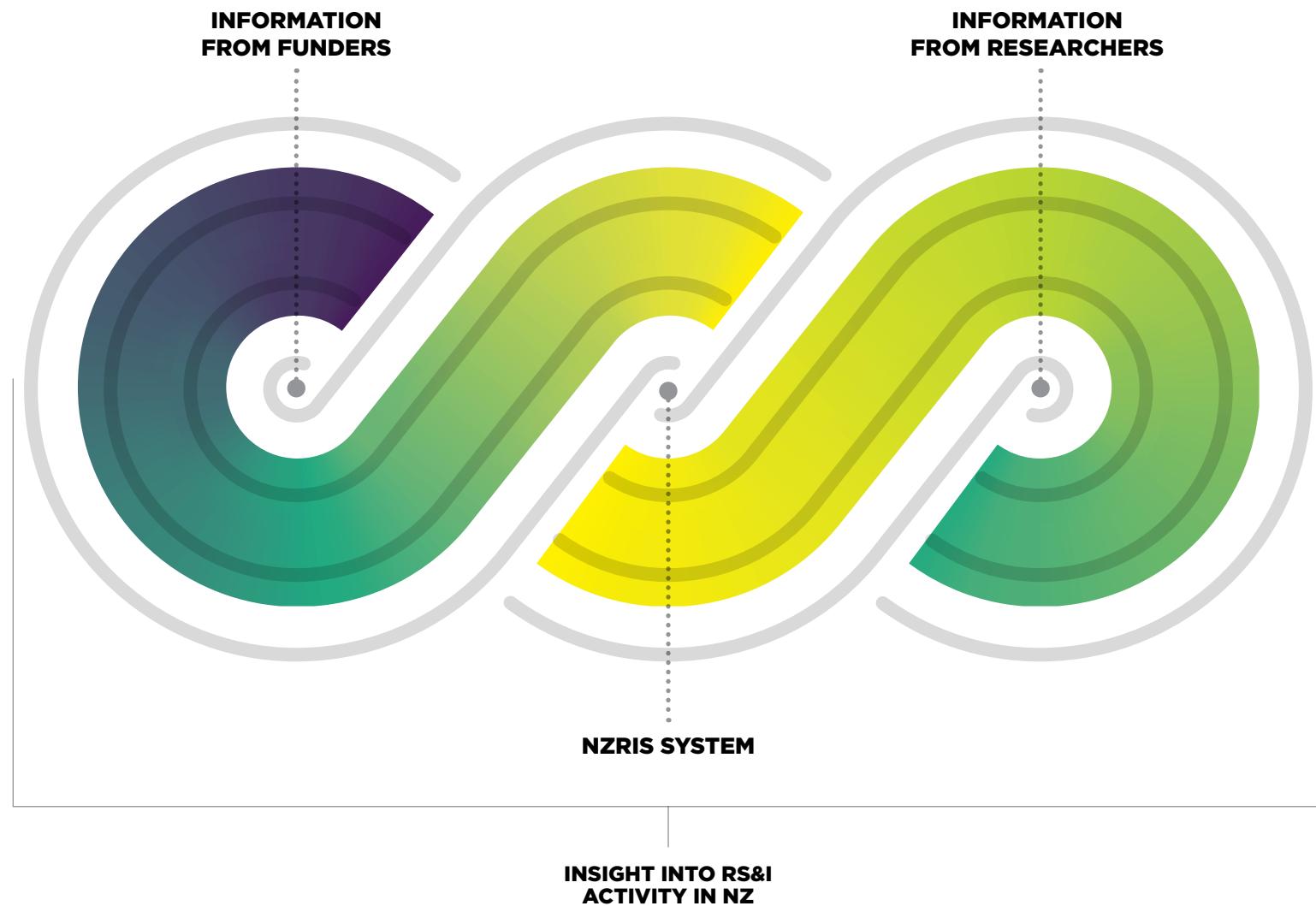
ABOUT NZRIS

The New Zealand Research Information System (NZRIS) will be an online hub where people can find information about research, science and innovation in New Zealand.

NZRIS will contain data sourced from organisations active in the New Zealand research, science and innovation system.

It's a place where people will be able to easily find information about what projects have been completed, what projects are under way, how they're being funded and what resources are being used.

NZRIS won't hold actual results of completed research, such as published papers or research data, but it will contain information about the research activity and outputs.



THE CASE FOR NZRIS

For years the research sector has grappled with the issue of not having a central and easily accessible source of information about research activity in New Zealand.

The New Zealand government invests around \$1.8b a year in research, science and innovation, in activity that is undertaken by many different organisations and institutions.

Finding out about what is happening across the system is not easy. Answering basic questions like 'how much is invested in a particular area of research?' can be surprisingly difficult, let alone answering more in-depth questions about the value of these investments or where there might be gaps.

NZRIS will solve this problem by creating a single online hub of consistent, standardised and accurate information about the sector.

The immediate benefits of NZRIS include the ability to answer simple questions such as:

- What projects are under way?
- Who is working on them?
- Who is an expert I can contact on a particular topic?
- What are they working on?
- How much is being spent on a particular area of research?
- What outputs has the research produced?

But this is just the beginning.

Being able to answer these questions gives us a strong foundation from which to answer even more important questions that will increase our understanding of the research, science and innovation sector. We'll be able to answer questions around how our resources contribute to our country, how we can better design our investments to support our future needs, and how we can ensure we have the skills and expertise we need to do this.

Here's what NZRIS will bring us over time:

- A more comprehensive picture of what research, science and innovation is happening
- Greater exposure of New Zealand research, science and innovation, and acknowledgement of our work
- A reduction in the reporting burden, particularly as NZRIS matures.
- Improvements in the collection and reuse of data across the system
- Reduction in the duplication of activities
- The ability to develop new products and services
- Smarter decisions around investment
- Identification in gaps in knowledge

As the government looks to increase its investment in research activity, we need a system like NZRIS to provide strong evidence for the work we are doing. NZRIS will enable us to make a strong case for further investment.

From an administrative point of view NZRIS will also, over time, reduce the reporting burden many organisations face thus reducing costs and overheads.

IMPLEMENTATION OF NZRIS

WHO IS DEVELOPING NZRIS

The Government has invested \$10.1 million over four years into developing NZRIS.

A project team within the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment is developing NZRIS, working closely with the research, science and innovation sector.

To start with, NZRIS will hold information provided by four organisations that are major funders of research: the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), the Ministry for Primary Industries, the Royal Society Te Apārangi, and the Health Research Council. These organisations are working in partnership with the MBIE project team on the first version of NZRIS.

WHEN NZRIS WILL BE AVAILABLE

It is anticipated that NZRIS will incorporate information from all key players in the research, science and innovation sector towards the end of 2023. The four-year (2019 to 2023) NZRIS programme is separated into three main phases.

During each phase, the NZRIS project team will work closely with relevant organisations to provide dedicated support, guidance and training.



PHASE 1 runs until September 2019, when a first version of NZRIS will be up and running. This version will include data and information from the four major research funders. During this phase the project team will work with these organisations to test how well NZRIS is working, and refine it so it works well for other organisations.

PHASE 2 runs from September 2019 until June 2020 and will see the Tertiary Education Commission and Callaghan Innovation come on board. The NZRIS team will work closely with these organisations to support them throughout the process.

PHASE 3 is expected to run from June 2020 and will see research organisations (as opposed to funders) such as universities and CRLs start to become part of NZRIS.