



CREATIVE PRACTICE RESEARCH NATIONAL ONLINE FORUM

Shape the future of creative practice research in Australia and beyond

BACKGROUND

The university research ecosystem has undergone a number of reviews over the past few years: [Universities Accord](#) (2022-2023); [Review of the Australian Research Council Act 2001](#) (2023); [Review of ERA and EI](#) (2020-2021).

The terms of reference for these reviews have, in broad terms, sought to align current practices with contemporary contexts; and to meet the changing needs and expectations of certain communities, be they industry, education, research, community organisations, or government.

The final of the released documents, *ARC submission to the Interim Report of the Australian Universities Accord*, makes five recommendations that are broad in scope and call for the next step to involve 'significant sector consultation'. The DDCA is answering this call with this forum. The sector now needs to be consulted on *how* we are going to address these recommendations.

The question of research assessment attends all scholarly disciplines. There are a number of available responses to this, one of which is to argue against assessment for creative practice research *in principle* and *in toto* on the basis of its difference and incompatibility with these kinds of measurement. This may very well be an important contribution to the topic. But with this

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forum we would like to entertain the established practice of assessment we have inherited and think about how it might best serve creative practice researchers, their disciplines, and their working lives.

A key theme that, unsurprisingly, emerges in discussions on reporting processes, assessment and policy – as evidenced in many of the submissions made to the [consultation paper](#) – is the issue of parity, equivalence, and ‘fairness’ of the system for creative practice researchers. We take this as our main theme for this first forum discussion.

2020-2021 ERA EI REVIEW

[Consultation Paper 2020](#)

[Submissions](#) (will download zip folder)

[Final Report 2021](#)

2022 Cancellation of ERA 2023 following Minister’s request

[Statement of Expectations](#)

[Statement of Intent](#)

Transition Working Group Established to address Minister’s expectations and Chair’s intentions.

[ARC submission to the Interim Report of the Australian Universities Accord](#)

2022-2023 UNIVERSITIES ACCORD

[Australian Universities Accord Final Report](#)

[Accord Priority Actions](#)

2023 REVIEW OF RESEARCH COUNCIL ACT (2001)

[Trusting Australia’s Ability: Review of the Australian Research Council Act 2001](#)