Evaluation framework on a page

Our evaluation framework supports and enables delivery of our mission and maintains accountability as we work towards our vision.

Mission To **improve** water and catchment policy decision-making in Australia.

Vision Water and catchment policy and management decisions that citizens and decision-makers see as fairer, more reasonable, more consistent with the available evidence, and more legitimate.

Our evaluation questions

How relevant are we as an organisation?

- To what extent are we operating in accordance with our principles?
- Are our governance arrangements effective, providing for quality decision-making and strategy?
- Are we building appropriate relationships with the right stakeholders? Are we maintaining trust and legitimacy?
- Do stakeholders perceive our work as useful? Is there growing demand for our work?
- Is our model design suitable to achieve our mission?

How effective are our initiatives?

- What occurred in the initiative?
- How well are we co-designing and implementing our initiatives?
- What difference did the initiative make?
- To what extent did our choice of activities and initiatives meet our assessment criteria?

What difference are we making?

- Which water and catchment outcomes have we contributed to or influenced?
- How and where have we contributed to or influenced changes in decision-making and policy processes?
- How have we helped build capacity in the institutions that manage Australia's waters and catchments?
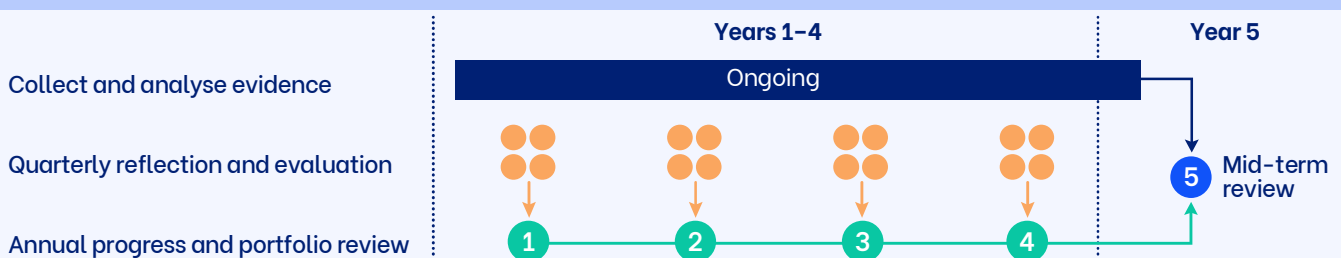
Evaluation methods

- Rubrics
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- Semi-structured interviews
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Execution

	Years 1–4	Year 5
Collect and analyse evidence	Ongoing	
Quarterly reflection and evaluation		5 Mid-term review
Annual progress and portfolio review	1 2 3 4	

A panel of independent external evaluators with a diversity of skills and experience will oversee the design, collection, analysis and interpretation of information to inform evaluation.