# Information and Communications Technology (ICT) policy



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#### 1. PURPOSE

To outline the key principles underpinning FRDC's Information and Communications Technology (ICT) systems and processes.

# 2. RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility for this policy resides with Business Development Manager.

# 3. DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

Definitions - follow link to <u>Definitions</u>
Acronyms - follow link to <u>Acronyms and Abbreviations</u>

#### 4. RISK CATEGORY

Strategic	Operational	Financial	ICT	People
			$\boxtimes$	

#### 5. RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION

This section contains links to internally and externally facing documents – access to internally facing documents is restricted to FRDC employees.

Relevant documentation	Document location or web address		
Internal			
Business Continuity Policy	<u>NEMO-17552-73</u>		
ICT Acceptable Use Policy	<u>NEMO-17552-74</u>		
Strategic Plan Policy	ICT Strategy		
External			
The Australian Government Information Security	<u>ISM</u>		
Manual (ISM)			
Australian Government Protective Security Policy	PSPF		
Framework			
Investment in Research, Development and	FRDC website		
Extension (RD&E) policy			
FRDC's Research, Development Extension Plan	FRDC website		
2015-20			

#### 6. PUBLICATION

This policy is to be made available on the FRDC website.

### 7. BACKGROUND

ICT is an integral component of the FRDC governance framework and ensures that FRDC has appropriate processes and practices in place to deliver better practice.

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#### 8. POLICY

FRDC will develop and implement an ICT strategic plan that is consistent with better practice principles for ICT and is fit for purpose. The ICT plan will:

- 1. align with and support the key objectives of the FRDC corporate strategic R&D plan
- 2. support the delivery, enhancement and dissemination of research information and outcomes
- 3. support and enhance knowledge management within FRDC
- 4. include a disaster recovery plan to ensure the business continuity of ICT systems for FRDC
- 5. be consistent with, and support, the overall risk management plan.

FRDC will develop and maintain an ICT security control framework in accordance with its obligations set out in *The Australian Government Information Security Manual (ISM)* and the *Australian Government Protective Security Policy Framework.* 

FRDC will have ICT equipment and the physical and environmental security controls to allow employees to seamlessly connect to FRDC systems wherever they are.

#### 9. ATTACHMENTS

#	Description
1	Not applicable

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