**We request the Macquarie University research community give consideration to and provide feedback on these questions:**

**Building research capacity through eResearch**

* In what areas, and how should the University build eResearch capacity to meet the objectives of the *Strategic Research Framework* and the *A Framing of Futures* priorities?
* Where are the opportunities for Macquarie University to harness eResearch to build on the University’s research strengths?
* How do we communicate and promote the work Macquarie University researchers are doing in eResearch?

**Leadership and Governance**

* Who needs to champion eResearch support and related activities?
* How and by whom is eResearch direction guided and overseen across the University?
  + eResearch Committee/Advisory Group?
  + eResearch Centre?
  + Other?
* What action does the University need to take to provide, manage and govern data storage?
* What action does the University need to take to provide, manage and govern High Performance Computing?
* How and by whom is this funded?
* What policy and practice considerations need to underpin our eResearch activities?

**Developing staff and student capabilities**

* How do we build and develop a workforce with the expertise required to deliver innovative eResearch practice?
  + Do we build collaborative projects with internal or external technologists
  + Do we use an external service provider, similar to Intersect and have the majority of our expertise off the Macquarie University payroll?
  + Do we hire in external contractors?
  + Do we develop the required skills amongst our existing workforce? If so, how?
  + Do we approach this through a combination of these options?
* Where should this human capability sit within the University structure?
  + A separate e-Research or Digital Humanities centre?
  + Within departments or faculties?
  + External to the University?
* How and in what will they be trained?
* What educational qualifications and background will they have?
* What academic programs are needed to support them them?
* How do we create a learning environment for our staff and students that enables the University to strengthen its eResearch capabilities?
* How do we introduce and involve our Undergraduate and Postgraduate and HDR cohort to eResearch?

**Collaborative eResearch practices**

* How can we share infrastructure?
* How can we share expertise and knowledge?
* How do Macquarie University researchers want to collaborate using eResearch?
  + How do we want to collaborate across disciplines?
  + How do we want to collaborate other institutions?

**Other**

* Please comment further if needed.

**Please provide all feedback by Monday 29 February 2016 to**

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