

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Australian universities are being forced to make significant strategic decisions at their own discretion, independent of governments.

This means they need leaders and governing bodies able to weigh complex trade-offs in a dynamic and challenging environment.

The *Australian Universities Governance Review* provides a unique assessment of the capabilities that exist within the governing bodies of Australian universities.

It highlights some of the strengths of the Australian university system, while also answering important questions about diversity of leadership.



Comprehensive Leadership Data

- The report draws upon a unique dataset, which codifies the experience and expertise of nearly 700 councillors and senior leaders at 39 Australian institutions.

Measuring Diversity of Expertise & Experience

- The report analyses the broad intellectual domains in which council members and senior leaders were trained, the degrees they have obtained, the countries in which they've lived, and the main industries in which they've worked.

Analysis Tailored for Each University

- For each university, the analysis uses rigorous, quantitative methods to identify exactly where there are gaps in governance capability and where there is room for improvement.

Clear Policy Recommendations

- The report also provides simple recommendations for government policymakers with responsibilities in university governance.

High-quality & Independent Research

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