

Q&A FOR SUPPORTING SCIENCE INFRASTRUCTURE

Q. What is science infrastructure?

A. Science infrastructure covers a wide range of things that scientists use in their work. It includes equipment, collections – such as native plants – communications technology, and systems that support science, such as measurement standards and intellectual property regulations.

Q. Why is the Government investing in science infrastructure?

A. Having high-quality, advanced infrastructure is essential for New Zealand scientists to be at the forefront of research. This infrastructure can be expensive and in some cases is too costly for individual research organisations to buy and operate themselves. The Government is taking a leadership role, sharing the costs of key large-scale, advanced infrastructure and ensuring affordable, fair access.

Q. What infrastructure projects will be supported?

A. The Government is developing a research infrastructure investment strategy that will identify the most important priorities. One proposed infrastructure project is a national high performance computing network, including related software tools and services. More information on the proposed suite of infrastructure investments will be available later this year.