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# AIHW Data Governance Framework

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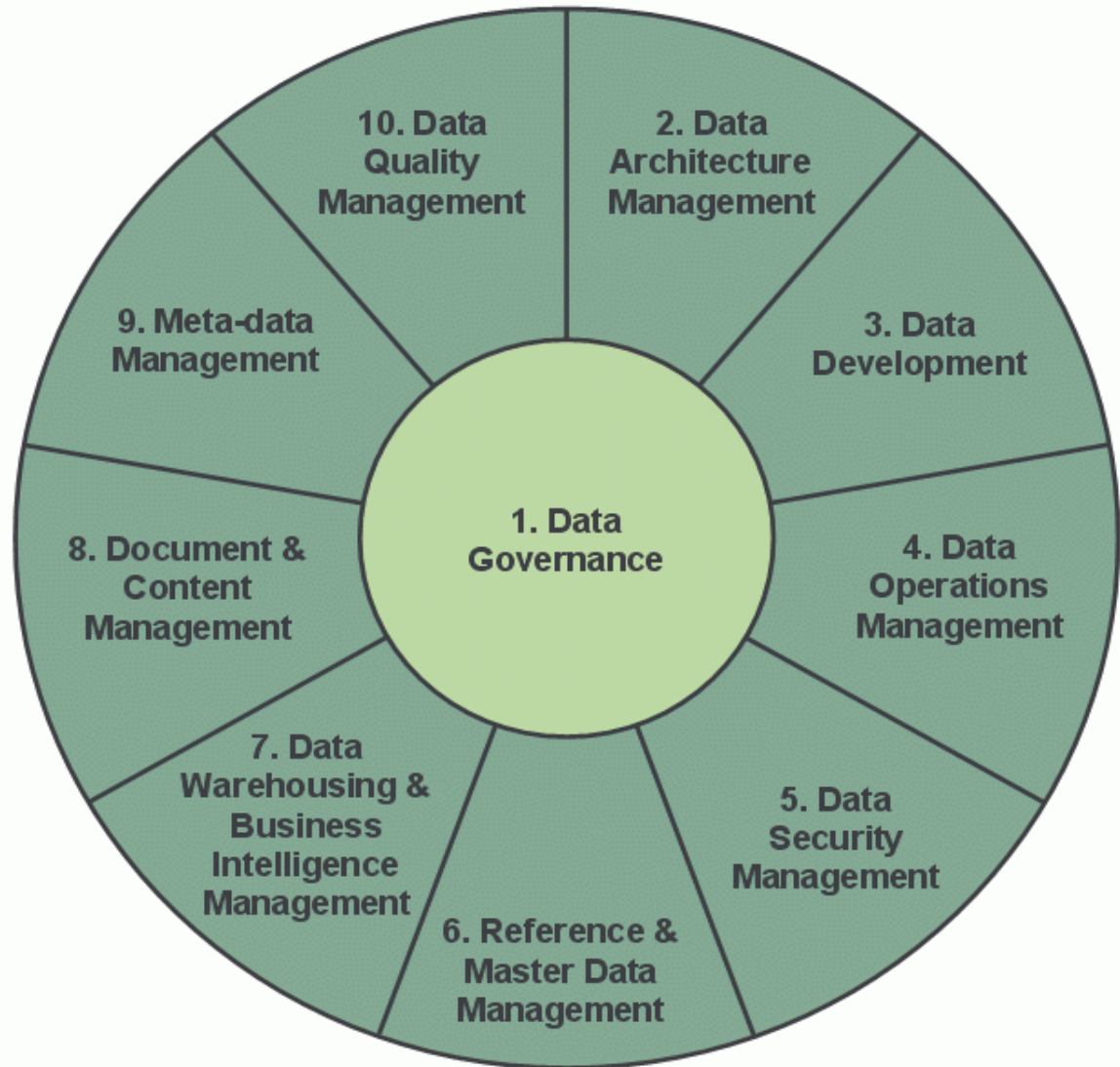
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## Why develop the Framework?

- Data governance is central to information agencies' operations and reputation
- AIHW has numerous policies, guidelines, processes and procedures designed to ensure data are managed well and legislation is complied with
- An overarching and coherent strategy and central point of reference is highly desirable

# Data Management Functions



## Threshold considerations

- Intended audience
- Learning from other agencies
- Relationship with existing governance, policies and guidelines
- Appropriate balance of generic governance and AIHW-specific arrangements
- Determining a logical order for content and length
- Ensuring currency can be maintained

## Development process

- Senior level buy-in and sponsorship important
- Broad internal consultation
- Project management methodology applied
- Reporting on progress to Executive Committee
- Board approval (June 2014)
- Published internally and externally
- 'In-Brief' document created

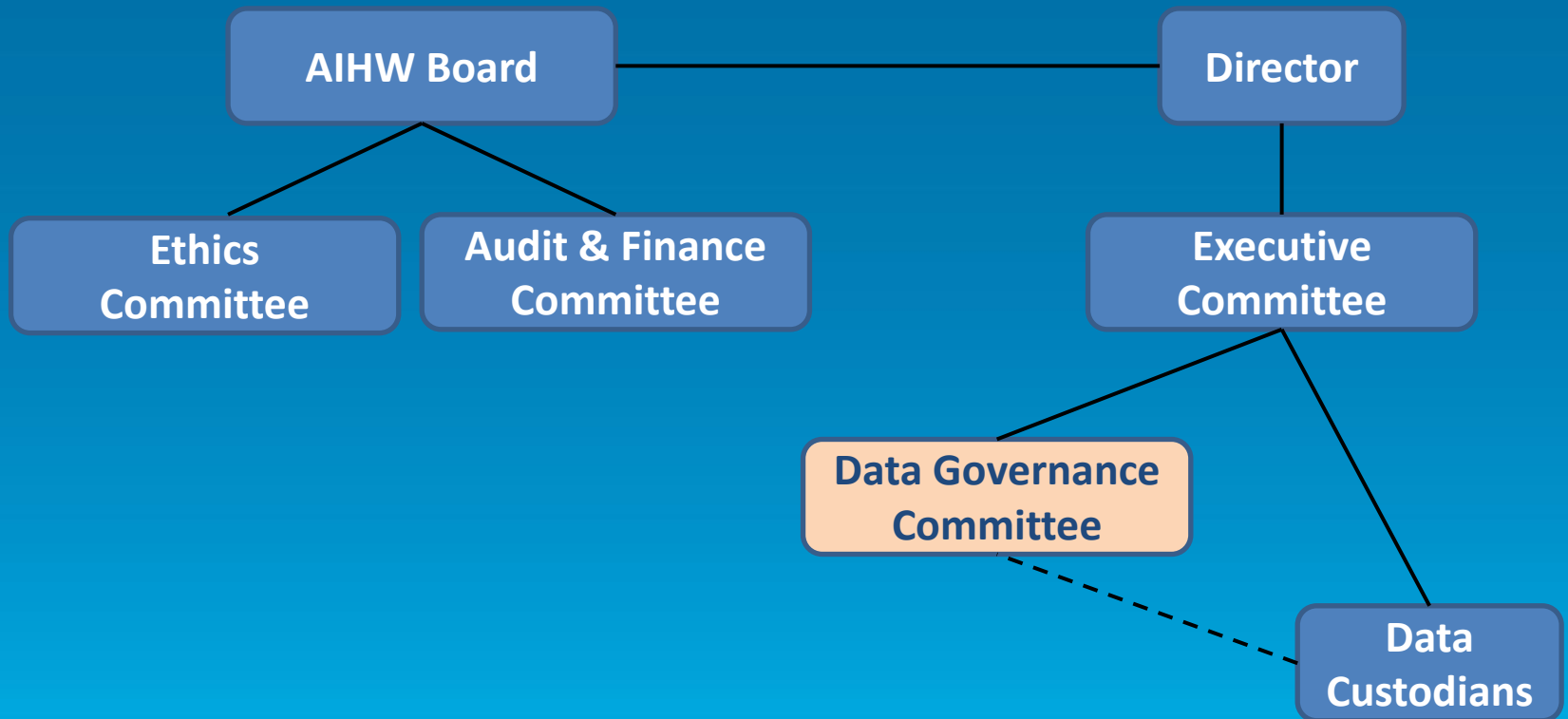
## Benefits of the process

- Opportunity to map the AIHW's complex environment – multiple legislative, governance and jurisdictional regimes
- Identify areas of strength and highlight any deficiencies
- Identify opportunities for enhancement

## Data governance features

- Legal, regulatory & governance environment in which AIHW operates
- Core AIHW data governance structures & roles
- Overview of AIHW data-related policies, guidelines & procedures
- Systems & tools supporting data governance
- Data-related compliance regimes
- Framework review cycle & mechanisms for providing feedback

# Data Governance Roles at AIHW





# Data Governance Committee

- Reports to Executive Committee
- 4 ExCo members plus 3 Unit Heads
- Draft TOR
  - Recommendations regarding data governance and management (via Exco to the Director)
  - Manage an annual work program
  - May initiate relevant projects
  - Undertake annual review of the framework

## Other key features

- Describing concepts in data and data governance
- Easy-reference guide to acronyms & definitions
- Alphabetical, hyperlinked listing of legislation, policies & guidelines referenced in the document

## Benefits of having the Framework

- Central source of information
- Structure for decision-making and developments
- Marketing organisational capacity
- Better links to external governance arrangements
- Stakeholder confidence

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Questions?