



Australian Government

Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement Tool (MERIT)



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Background

- Digital world – paper reporting
- Countless information systems
- Poor public information
- Aggregation of data – challenging, delayed
- Little cumulative public learning
- **ANAO** (2008): we've been spotted



MERIT Objectives

1. Clear rules about collection and collation of monitoring data.
2. An online system that has an improved capacity to capture, store and communicate results from NRM investments.
3. The capacity for public analysis of data collected through Department funded NRM programmes.



Project timeline

1. April 2013 - Project has been given in principle approval
2. July 2013 – Mocked up demonstration site
3. August 2013 - Project plan endorsed by executive
4. October 2013 - Release of the prototype MERIT for testing
5. December 19 - Release of the production MERIT.

Since system launch: countless enhancements and fixes

- 1000 + emails to MERIT inbox
- program level dashboards, new forms, new functionality, apps



Stats

Since 5 February

1. ~1200 registered users
2. 786 projects
3. 1992 sites
4. 12000 + visits to the site
5. 3100 + unique visitors
6. 16 page visits on average per visit
7. 19 mins = average visit duration



Acknowledgements

1. The team – DoE and ALA
2. Other departmental staff and executive
3. Reference group
4. NCRIS
5. Users



A quick show and tell

<https://fieldcapture.ala.org.au/>

<https://fieldcapture-test.ala.org.au/>

