



Suggest an action for Australia's National Action Plan

Describe an action that a [Federal Government Agency or Department](#) could deliver

To Open Government the Australian Government could DO

1. Start with a verb e.g.

- Release
- Engage
- Deliver
- Drive
- Promote
- Refine
- Increase

This would improve the way Australia

2. Select the OGP Grand Challenges* this action supports

☒ **Delivers Public Services such as:**

- Health, education
- Criminal justice
- Water, electricity, telecommunications
- Fostering public service improvement
- Fostering private sector innovation

☒ **Manages Public Resources such as:**

- Data
- Budgets
- Natural resources
- Foreign assistance

*There are [five OGP Grand Challenges](#), these two have been selected by the Australia Government but you are welcome to suggest actions related to the other three.

By increasing

3. What Open Government Principle would this help deliver?

- ☒ accountability
- ☒ transparency
- ☒ public participation

Your suggestions need to be in by the 31st March 2016. You can add your suggestion to the [WIKI](#) or email your suggestion to OGP@PMC.GOV.AU and we will add it for you.

Tips for developing an OGP action

1. Think big

- a. Define the problem – why is it a problem, who does it affect, who else cares?
- b. What would the solution look like – what is the outcome you are trying to achieve?
- c. Does it relate to one of the Grand Challenges?
 - Improving Public Services – such as health, education, criminal justice, water, electricity, telecommunications, fostering public service improvement, fostering private sector innovation.
 - Management of Public Resources – data, measures that address budgets and procurement, natural resources, foreign assistance
- d. How would it increase?
 - Accountability
 - Transparency
 - Public participation

2. Then think small

- a. About actions - what needs to happen to achieve that outcome?
- b. How can it be delivered? What is the first step?
- c. What can be achieved in two years? The action has to be delivered within two years so our Government can report achievement or progress against it.
- d. Is this something the Australian Government can do something about?
 - Who in the Federal Government could make this happen?
 - Consider the responsibilities of [Australian Government](#)
- e. Do they need to work with others to achieve it?
 - If so, who? Who else cares about this? Who else has responsibility over these matters?
 - Is this person or organisation Government or will work with private or the community sector?
How? Does anything need to change to make this happen?

Where to go for help

- Amelia is available to work with you to workshop your ideas and turn them into suggested actions. If you let her know what interests you she will also connected you with others across Australia who are interested in the same things as you. Her contact details are below.
- The [international OGP working groups](#)
- The [Australia Open Government Partnership Network](#) has also formed to support civil society

Where to go for inspiration

- The Australian National Action Plan for Open Government [WIKI](#) – to see others ideas
- [The OGP's Commitment Template and Guidance](#)

Where to go for examples

- The [Open Gov Guide](#) for themes all actions taken by other Countries into topic areas
- [The OGP Commitment Explorer](#) contains actions taken by other countries and how they have been assessed

Thank you to the [Open Australia and the Open Government Partnership Network](#) for the support to develop these tips.