



# PUBLIC SECTOR INNOVATION AWARDS

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2018



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A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN IPAA AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR INNOVATION NETWORK



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The Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) ACT Division, in partnership with the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science and the Public Sector Innovation Network (PSIN), is calling for nominations for the **2018 Public Sector Innovation Awards** (the Awards).

The Awards are held annually to recognise, celebrate and share innovative work in the Australian Public Service (APS) and ACT Public Service.

### PURPOSE OF THE AWARDS

A successful public service is one that can find new and better ways of doing things by collaborating, thinking differently, and experimenting to create better citizen solutions.

These Awards were created to better recognise and celebrate the innovative work that occurs within the public sector.

The Awards provide a platform to share innovative approaches across the public service and to encourage others to adopt more innovative mindsets in public administration.

### WHY NOMINATE?

Have you, or your colleagues been involved with trying to design and deliver better, innovative public services?

The Public Sector Innovation Awards are seeking to recognise these efforts and:

- highlight the innovation happening within the public sector;
- spread the good ideas that have been put into practice, and the lessons learnt; and
- foster a culture that supports and celebrates people and agencies doing things differently.

### KEY DATES

#### 19 February – nominations open

Visit [www.act.ipaa.org.au/innovation-awards](http://www.act.ipaa.org.au/innovation-awards) to access the nomination form online.

#### 22 February – Awards launch

#### 20 April - nominations close

#### 7 June – finalists announced

Finalists will be announced for each category, based on initial assessment.

#### 21 June - finalist presentations

Finalists for each category will present a five-minute pitch to a panel of independent judges, including a discussion about their nomination.

#### July – Awards winners announced (date TBC)

The winners of each category will be announced at a function as part of Innovation Month in July.



*"Government [to] become a catalyst for innovation and be recognised as a global leader in innovative service delivery."*

*Imperative 3 - Australia 2030:  
Prosperity through Innovation, 2017*



## AWARDS CATEGORIES

Awards will be given in three categories:

### 1 – CITIZEN-CENTRED INNOVATION

*Innovation which has the citizen at the centre...*

Working with citizens to design and deliver innovative public services. This involves getting to the heart of the citizen's needs to personalise and ultimately improve the citizen's experience of interaction with government agencies.

### 2 – CULTURE AND CAPABILITY

*The people part – the key to innovation...*

Initiatives or contributions that help strengthen the culture and capability for innovation - to develop a mindset where doing better things is a daily habit. This is about engaging or empowering staff to test ideas and experiment.

### 3 – DIGITAL AND DATA

*Digital, data and technology to innovate...*

Initiatives that harness digital and data to deliver a fundamentally new offering and/or provide significantly better public services.

## JUDGES' AWARD

The Judges' Award will be given to a nomination from any of the above categories that stands out from the crowd. It could be a disruptor, a start-up, an experimental trial, an "honorable failure", or something that little bit different!

## ELIGIBILITY

Any individual, work unit, group or team from a Commonwealth or ACT Government entity may nominate for the Public Sector Innovation Awards. Please note there is a maximum of **three** nominations per agency.

Nominations can either be for yourself and any others involved in the relevant work, or for colleagues that you have seen doing innovative initiatives (with their permission).

Eligible initiatives can be large in scale and impact, including across multiple agencies, or they can be small and relate to individual improvements.

Nominations can be in the early stages of implementation through to well-established initiatives. Nominations are also encouraged for initiatives or projects that may not have been successful, but where there were valuable lessons or insights that will inform future attempts.

It is at the discretion of the nominating organisation as to whether nominations are managed centrally or devolved; and all nominations must be endorsed by an SES officer (or equivalent).

## ASSESSMENT AND RECOGNITION

Nominations will be shortlisted through an assessment process. Shortlisted applicants will be asked to give a presentation to a panel of judges in June 2018.

In submitting a nomination, nominees agree that information and images from their nomination may be used by IPAA and the PSIN to promote the Awards, including case studies and presentations on the nomination. All finalists and/or winners will be required to participate in a small number of post-awards activities.

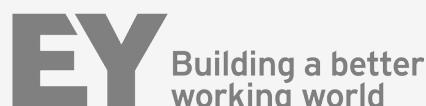
Applicants may also be asked to share their nomination with academics for research purposes.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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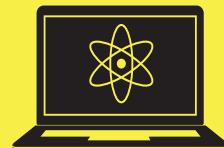
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The Awards are delivered with the support of EY.



*"Government must act as an exemplar of innovation and back the public service to innovate and experiment."*

*Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO 2017*



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