



NATIONAL CORONIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM – RESEARCH AGENDA 2018–21

Provision of comprehensive coronial data to those who need it. This is our **mission**.
Saving lives through the power of data. This is our **vision**.

STRATEGIC FOUNDATION

The **NCIS Strategic Plan 2017-21** outlines four strategic goals. One of these goals is:

Provision of quality coronial data to stakeholders



The strategic goal is supported by the **NCIS Business Plan 2018-19** goal to:

Ensure all communication and information provision performed by the NCIS is aligned with strategic goals



The **NCIS research agenda** outlines research priorities, activities and outcomes for the 2018-21 calendar years. It focuses on identifying research needs that will enable comprehensive assessment of mortality trends in coronial data by organisations with a *bona fide* interest in death and injury prevention.

Developing the NCIS research agenda is a key measure of the NCIS Business Plan 2018-19.

NCIS RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

Utilise and showcase the unique data collected in the NCIS

Enhance organisations' capacity to pursue death and injury prevention

Increase public understanding and awareness of mortality risks

Delivering the research agenda is underpinned by three key activity streams:



REPORTING SERVICES

Reports provided based on agreements and requests from external parties.

Coronial reports

Statistical reports prepared at the request of coroners and their staff to assist in death investigation.

Data reports

De-identified, statistical reports prepared at the request of organisations with a *bona fide* interest in death and injury prevention.

Request a [data report](#)

Department of Health mortality reports

Three reports covering injury, drug-related and intentional self-harm mortality data provided to the Commonwealth Department of Health.

This is an annual service.



RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Research generated by the NCIS and its users.

Fact sheets

Publicly available documents about certain categories of death produced in response to community interest and safety concerns. Fact sheets contain de-identified, statistical information outlining mortality trends, raising awareness of mortality risks and informing death and injury prevention strategies. Outcomes will include both new fact sheets and updates to existing fact sheets.

View [NCIS fact sheets](#)

External reports and publications

NCIS data is provided to experts who investigate mortality and develop death and injury prevention strategies.

Authorised access to NCIS data is provided for ethically approved research projects by external organisations.

Explore [external annual reports and research publications](#)



RESEARCH TOOLS

Tools that provide online open access to data.

Fatal facts search tool

An electronic database containing case summaries and coronial recommendations from closed cases. The tool can be searched by category and is intended as a way to share information about the outcomes of coronial investigations.

The database is updated with new case summaries and coronial recommendations regularly.

Explore [Fatal facts search](#)

Data visualisation tools

NCIS database access is available to approved users however others may have a genuine interest or need for data. Data visualisation tools will allow other users access to controlled data sets via the website.

Interactive tools may include access statistical data about the NCIS database and approved coronial data.

RESEARCH OUTCOMES