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Collaborative development of evaluation capacity for natural resource management

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Context for evaluation framework

- NSW Catchment Management Authorities
 - Operations
- Requirements for evaluation
 - External
 - Other
- What we mean by framework

Where we started

- Considerations
 - Operational context
- What we had
 - CMA Chairs' Council support
 - Project team evaluation experience
 - Monitoring and evaluation officers
 - Willing participation in development
 - Framework for 1 CMA

Objectives of project

- Flexible processes and tools for evaluation
- Increased evaluation capacity
- Ownership of process and outputs
- Tools and processes for NRM that are able to evolve
- Improved culture for adaptive management
- Documentation of methods and tools



Approach

- Communication
 - 2 way (or more) input
 - M&E forum
 - Flexible
 - Multiple players
 - No surprises
 - Mentoring
 - Tested with users
- Increase Capacity
 - Flexible
 - Multiple players

Outcomes

- Expected
 - Increased evaluation capacity
 - Ownership of process and outputs
 - Tools and processes able to evolve
 - Documentation of processes and tools as reference
- Unexpected
 - Ongoing communication
 - Broader adoption of evaluation practices
 - Ongoing development of methods and tools



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Background to evaluation		Tools and tips
<u>About the evaluation framework</u>	Principles of evaluation Applying the evaluation framework Developing evaluation capacity	Checklist for whole evaluation cycle
<u>Evaluation context</u>	Establish terms of reference Identify stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define type of evaluation (appropriateness, efficiency and/or effectiveness) • Understand the logical framework (conceptual models, results hierarchy, program logic table) 	Template: Defining stakeholder needs Template: Defining evaluation type Building a conceptual model Template: Constructing a program logic table
<u>Evaluation design</u>	Develop information requirements including MLE approach Identify performance measures Specific design for evaluation type Establish an evaluation panel Document Evaluation Plan and implement evaluation	Template: Identifying performance measures Template: Identifying performance measure attributes Template: Preparing performance measure profiles and monitoring plans Evaluation analysis tools Template: Recording assessment using MLE criteria Performance story chart Establishing an evaluation panel
<u>Developing and sharing information</u>	Analyse information Use evaluation findings: adaptive management, CMA reporting, state-scale effectiveness reporting, performance story reporting Learning from evaluations	Writing effective evaluation reports

