

# A mini-blast



Everything I say is both good  
and original.

Unfortunately, the good bits are  
not original and the original bits  
are not good

I will try to stick to the good bits...

# @BrianBoyledude



Grit your teeth and remain pleasant

Know where the puck is going to be

This ain't 'Nam [...] there are rules...

Its amazing what you can achieve when you don't care who gets the credit

The most convincing argument is one that comprises equal measures of logos, ethos and pathos

Vision without implementation is hallucination

Enduring capability is the combination skills, Infrastructure & relationships

Diplomacy is the art of letting other people have your own way

CSIRO

ARC

## 6 Research Agencies

Department of Industry Innovation,  
Science Research  
and Tertiary Education

4 Minsters

Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills Science and Research  
Senator The Hon Chris Evans

1 Secretary

4 Dep Secs

Secretary  
Don RussellDeputy Secretary  
Patricia Kelly

18 Divisions

~60 Branches

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Organisation Chart Effective 18 May 2012

\*Provides strategic and management support to the Office of the Chief Scientist.

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N.B. This is an interim Organisational Chart



# Government Policy: Is it relevant to me?

Gemini Membership

Australian SKA Pathfinder

Square Kilometre Array participation

National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy

Formation of AAL: Magellan, GMT, Gemini, MWA, etc

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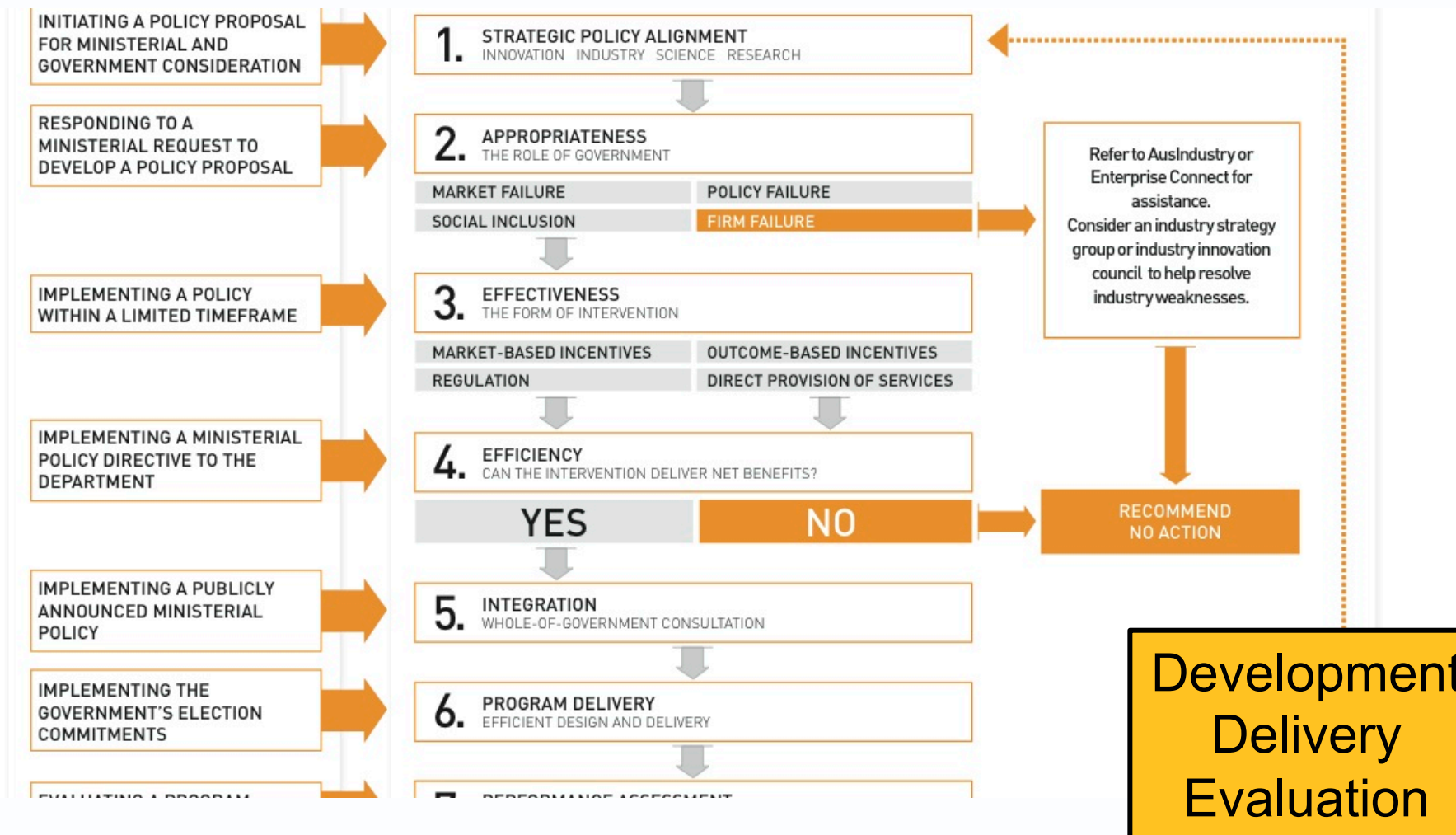
EIF

Astronomy as super-science initiative

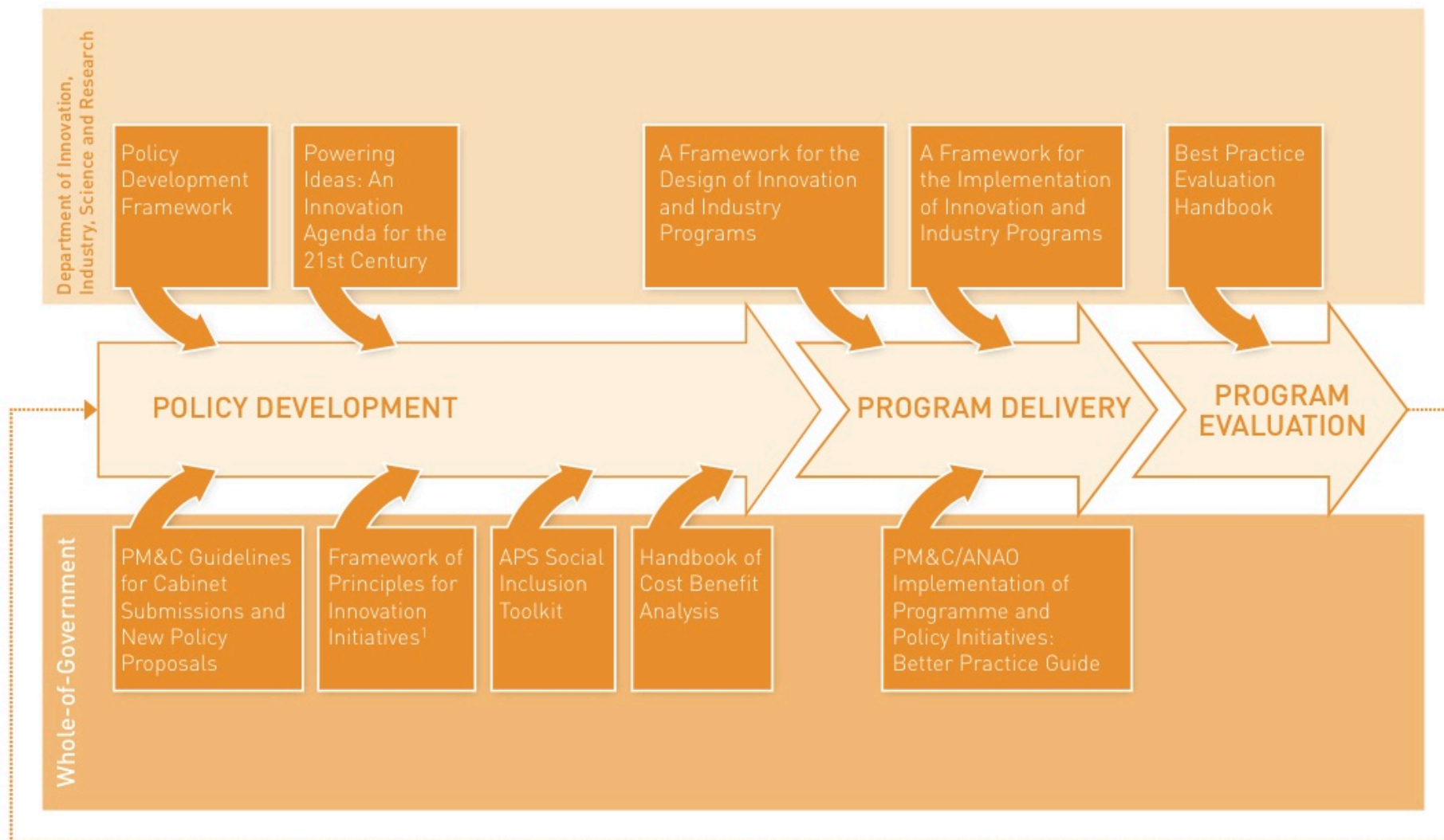
Australia-China Joint Research Centres

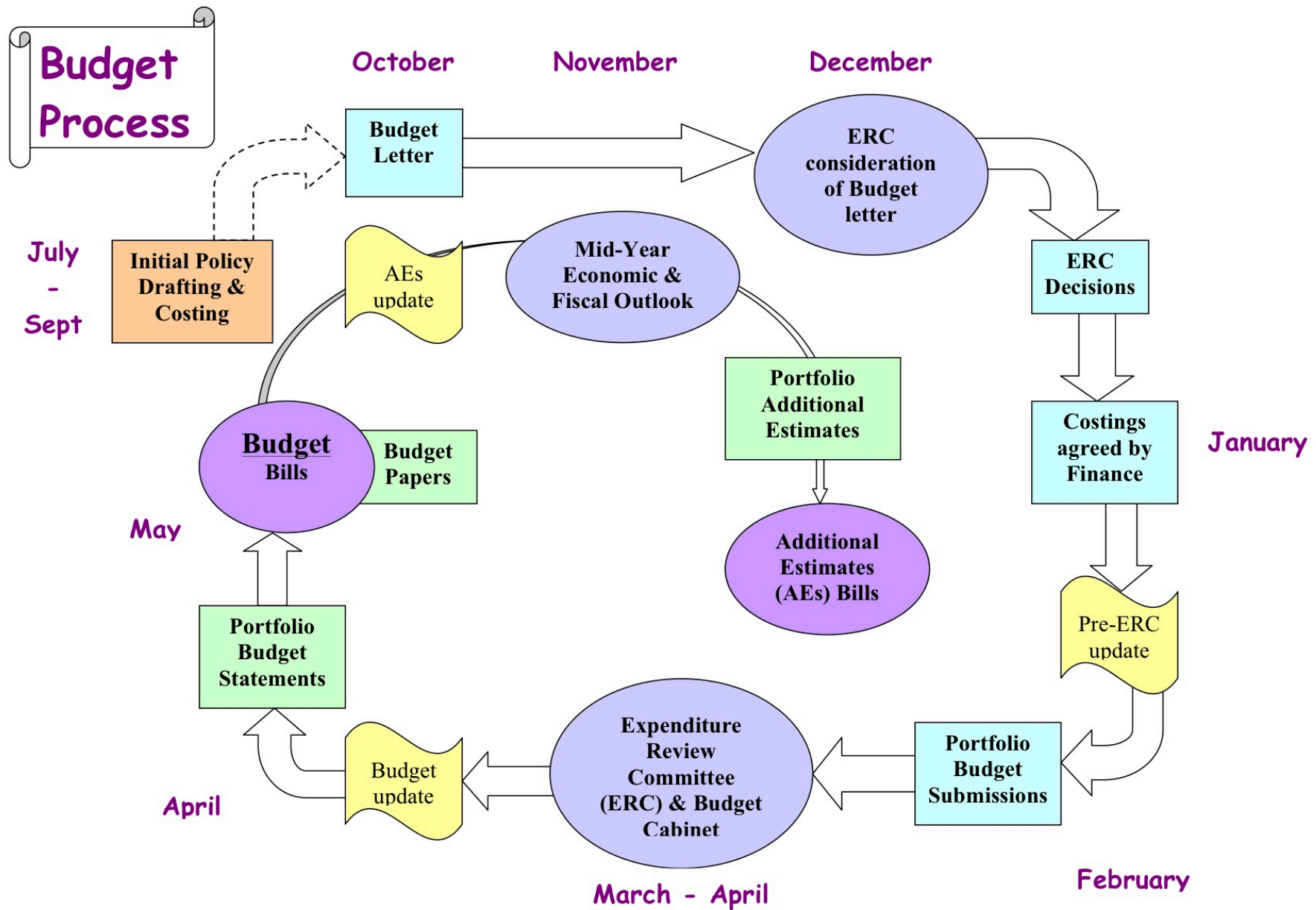
Australia-India research fellowships

CSIRO, ARC...









# How do I get involved?

## **Follow your University/Organisation policy on Government interaction**

### Support Astronomy Planning

National Committee of Astronomy (and committees)

Astronomy Australia Limited (RTAC, OTAC, AERAC)

Astronomical Society of Australia (ANITA, EPOC, WIA)

Observatory SACs, Time-Assignment Committees

### Science and Technology Australia (TOFKAFASTS)

Science Meets Parliament (ASA sends reps)

### Academy of Science



# In working with Government

Behave with trust and respect

Public servants are highly dedicated and capable

Remain proud but humble

There is no divine right of astronomers

Sing from the hymn sheet

Decadal Plan, Mid-term review

Provide advice but never commentary on policy

Unless you have a Nobel Prize

Never go beyond your brief

Understand the difference between advocacy and advice

When you've won the argument, stop

Who gives a stuff about the first stars in the Universe?

Face it, astronomy is at a cross-roads

I just don't see a business case for SKA...

And just what is the chance of us detecting SETI?

# Thank you

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