

Instructions for Authors

Evidence Base publishes reviews of the evidence informing decision-making in specific policy areas.

Reviews in this journal must cover the following:

1) An issue of demonstrable importance to public sector decision-makers. Examples might be 'the effectiveness of performance measures in improving education', or 'factors that improve health outcomes in Indigenous communities'.

2) The empirical base of research in the area. The focus must be on the nature of the evidence gathered around the issue and the conclusions about policy that derive from this evidence. It is not an avenue for publishing original research, nor a review of theoretical debates. Specific issues for review may include methods of data collection, methods of data analysis, and the definition of key concepts. We use the term 'empirical' broadly: reviews should not necessarily be limited to purely quantitative studies, nor to the results of experimental trials.

Reviews primarily draw on the Australian and New Zealand research base, but also on international studies where relevant to Australian and New Zealand policy practice.

A key factor determining whether a proposal will be selected is whether there is a sufficient base of evidence, particularly from Australia and New Zealand, to justify a review. Before submitting a proposal, authors will need to undertake a preliminary literature search and list the key empirical references from Australia and New Zealand they discover in the relevant area of the proposal form.

We are also particularly interested in proposals that meet ANZSOG's research priorities. These are:

- Collaborative governance and interface between sectors: This includes commissioning, co-production, outsourcing, NGO partnerships etc., including between the public, private and 'third' sectors.
- Cross-jurisdictional policymaking
- Digital leadership and disruptive technology

The reviews will be 5000-8000 words in length and will be supported by an AUD\$10,000 competitive grant to help with the research needed to write the review. Note that the grant cannot be used for the purchase of infrastructure or equipment.