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## 1. INTENT

- 1.1 The purpose of the ECU Technology Governance Policy is to align investment decisions relating to Information Technology to ECUs:
  - Strategic Priorities;
  - Information Technology Roadmap;
  - Information Technology Architecture; and
  - Strategic Procurement Policies.
- 1.2 Any change or modification to ECU's applications and infrastructure Architectures will be required to comply with this Policy.
- 1.3 Support the principle that the Chief Information Officer has accountability for all ECU Technology through the establishment, maintenance and custodianship of the Architecture and Governance structures.

## 2. ORGANISATIONAL SCOPE

ECU students, staff, council members and contractors.

## 3. DEFINITIONS

TERM	DEFINITION
Information Technology Roadmap	Explains the path of the current state to the desired state and is the basis for planning and decision-making for Technology investment.
Information Technology Architecture	A structured multi-layered approach to the design of Information Systems.

Information Technology  
Architecture Principles

The guiding principles to inform investment in  
Technology decisions.

#### 4. **POLICY CONTENT**

ECU Technology Governance encompasses all areas of ECU and supports the strategic, operational and technical decision-making processes required to make sure Technology enables the University to deliver its objectives.

4.1 The key objectives of Technology Governance are:

- At the Strategic Level:  
Aligns the investment in Technology with the Universities strategic objectives.
- At the Change Delivery Level:  
Technology enabled University projects deliver the benefits to the University identified in the business case, within the agreed budget and timeframe.
- At the Operational Level:  
Transparency of services with performance of services being delivered being measured against the agreed service levels.

4.2 The Principles for Technology Governance:

- Transparency: Technology Governance structure and process must be clear. How decisions are made and who has input and who makes decisions must be transparent to the ECU community.
- Accountability: Technology Governance Committees and task forces must be held accountable for delivering on their responsibilities.
- Responsibility: Technology Governance structure and process requires staff to support the process at all levels to enable the best outcomes for the University.
- Appropriate representation: Schools and Centres across ECU will be represented at the appropriate level.

#### 5. **ACCOUNTABILITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

In relation to this policy, the following positions are responsible.

##### ***Policy Owner***

The Chief Information Officer has overall responsibility for the content of this policy and its operation in ECU.

All Staff, Students and Contractors are required to comply with the content of this policy and the guidelines referred within this policy and to seek guidance in the event of uncertainty as to its application.

#### 6. **RELATED DOCUMENTS:**

6.1 The policy is supported by the following Guidelines:

*ECU Technology Governance Guidelines*

6.2 Other documents which are relevant to the operation of this policy are as follows:

- Information Technology Architecture Guiding Principles
- Strategic Procurement Policies, Guidelines and Procedures.

## 7. CONTACT INFORMATION

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## 8. APPROVAL HISTORY

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