



How do we decide what to research?

Our overall research agenda is set by our Executive Director, in consultation with research staff, and the CIS Academic Advisory Council, decides how the CIS can most effectively use its experience and expertise to contribute to thinking on long term policy issues. No research is done at the request of any supporters of the CIS.

How is CIS funded?

CIS is funded by private sector donations - from individuals, companies and charitable trusts - as well as memberships, subscriptions and book sales. 'Independent' in our name means:

- We are politically non-partisan
- Research is not directed by our supporters. Supporters may be attracted to particular programs and wish to support them, for example Indigenous Affairs or Health or they may be happy for their support to be to general support.

Is CIS a government affiliated institution?

No. We do not accept government funding, nor do we derive any income from political parties or groupings.

How does CIS publicise its research?

The CIS holds a variety of seminars, lectures and conferences during the year which are open to the public. These activities are aimed at encouraging wide-ranging public debate on current policy issues. [EVENTS](#)

We have a good relationship with the media. Articles on our research, extracts of our lectures, and opinion pieces written by CIS staff are regularly published in newspapers around the country. Our researchers also regularly appear on radio and television. [MEDIA](#)

We publish our research on a regular basis in the form of monographs, occasional papers, readings, and in our flagship journal Policy. These publications are distributed to all our members, the media and other interested parties. [PUBLICATIONS](#)