



Research

<p>Research question and the project itself (15 marks)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the problem/research question/s clearly stated? • How well did the project answer an agency question? • How applicable was the project to operational activity? • What was the research process?
<p>Literature review (15 marks)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How extensive was the literature review that supported the project? • How well did it draw out existing knowledge and gaps in that knowledge?
<p>Data collection and research ethics (15 marks)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How well was the target/participant community/ies researched and understood in the development of the project or activity? • How well did the project or activity recognise the diversity within a community and then accommodate these with diversity in participant recruitment? • How well were obstacles and problems articulated? • What were the shortcomings/limitations of the project – and how will these be used in lessons learned in future?
<p>Agency partnerships and collaboration (10 marks)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were opportunities taken to work with other agencies? What existing foundations were leveraged? • Have the research outcomes provided a foundation for further relationships or built substantially on an existing network? • What network improvements were made within the agency/ies (or could potentially be made) during or as a result of the research findings? • How was extension conducted with others about your research results?
<p>Results and implications for practice (25 marks)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How well were the results reported in plain English? • How easily could the results be translated into implementable actions? • Has the project or activity provided a foundation for further research and/or built substantially on existing research?
<p>EMPA Principles (20 marks)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work of EMPA is guided by seven key principles which are outlined below. Choose as many as are relevant to your entry and write a short paragraph for each which explains how your entry upholds that principle. A comprehensive downloadable guide to the EMPA Principles can be found at https://www.empa.org.au/our-objectives