



CSIRO National Collections Building

Black Mountain, Australian Capital Territory

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Commencement Date: mid 2022

Completion Date: mid 2024

\$90 million

Conscia was engaged by CSIRO to undertake project management and contract administration responsibilities to ensure the successful delivery of their National Collections building. Conscia's team worked closely with CSIRO's various stakeholder groups to develop the performance specifications and design required to ensure best practice approach for collection preservation is achieved, through the construction of state-of-the-art collection halls. This project was complex and technical, and as such required a project management capability to comprehensively deliver it against the risk and challenges the project faced.

The CSIRO National Research Collections Australia (NRCA) comprise over 15 million specimens in six collections, representing 240 years of data and approximately 25% of all biological collections in Australia.

These collections are Australia's most reliable set of nationally representative biological collections. The collections themselves are significant research infrastructure and they underpin research in agriculture, biosecurity, biodiversity and climate change and are used by researchers from all over the world.

Through successful delivery of this project, Conscia has developed a trusted relationship with CSIRO and provide advice across a range of projects nationally.

Drawing from our experience with the CSIRO Collections project, we understand the critical importance of preserving and showcasing invaluable collections. Our work on this project required meticulous attention to detail, a deep understanding of best practices in collection preservation, and the ability to coordinate with various stakeholders to achieve a common goal.

The CSIRO National Collections Building reached Practical Completion in August 2024.