

Australia - review experiences

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- in-country and centralised review of the Australian Inventory
- Australian expert participation in centralised and in-country reviews.



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In-Country vs Centralised Review

- In-country review report dealt better with country specific methodologies and emission factors
- Centralised review tended to focus on differences from IPCC defaults with the implication that IPCC defaults are somehow ‘correct’
- The two approaches did identify many of the same substantive issues

In-Country vs Centralised Review

- The ability to communicate directly with the national experts during in-country review
- Presentation of the ERT findings on the final day of the in-country review a great opportunity to address any misunderstandings as well as ensuring there are no surprises
- Learning experience for both the national experts and the reviewers
- In-country review more resource intensive

Suggested Improvements

- More time needed to prepare for the reviews
- Treatment of S&A responses
- Structure of report
- Ability to communicate with national experts
- Training for ERT experts
- Experts selected for in-country review should have a high level of understanding of the CRF and IPCC guidelines