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OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL SOIL STRATEGY

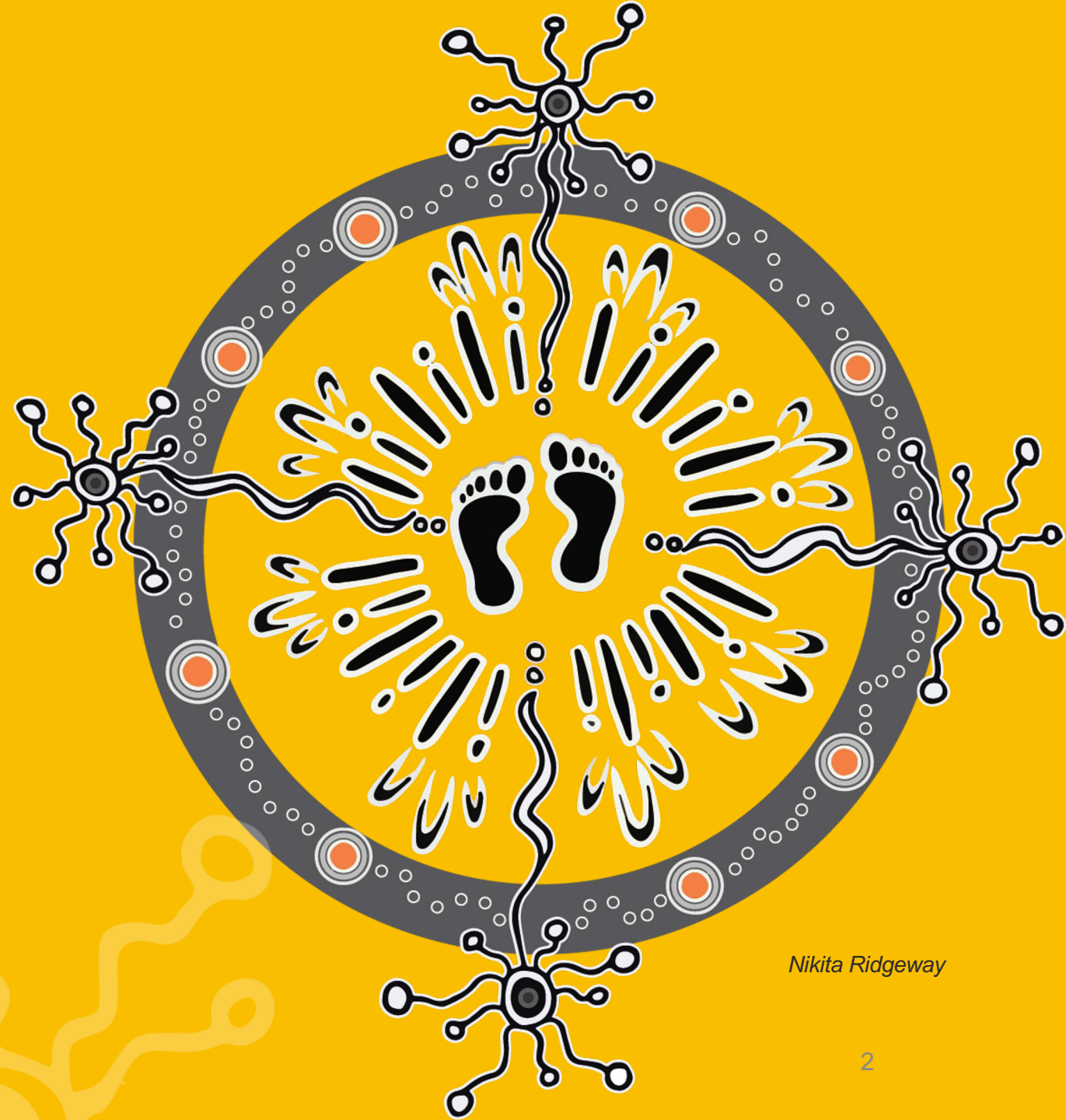
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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that today we
meet on many Aboriginal lands.

We acknowledge the traditional
custodians of the lands and we
show our respect for elders past,
present and emerging.



Nikita Ridgeway

The National Soils Advocate

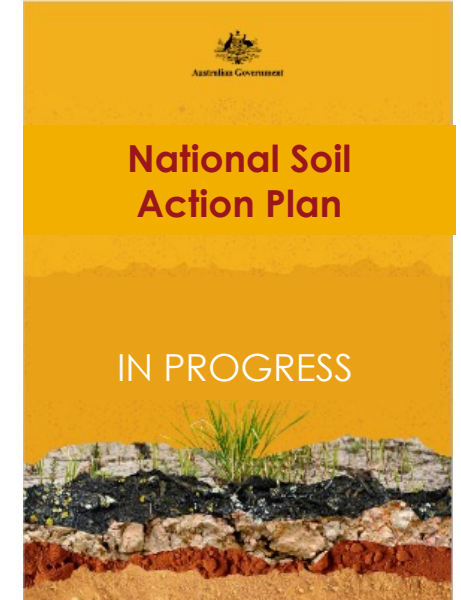
Hon. Penny Wensley



- The National Soils Advocate position was established in late 2012 to raise awareness of the vital role soils play and to provide strong leadership and advocacy on the importance of conserving and improving the health of Australia's soils.
- The late Major General the Hon. Michael Jeffery AC AO (Mil) CVO MC (Retd), was the first Nationals Soil Advocate and occupied the role from 2012–17 and again in 2019.
- The Hon. Penny Wensley was appointed as the new National Soils Advocate on 28 August 2020.

National Soil Package / Implementation

- **National Soil Strategy (2021)** was developed in collaboration by the Australian Government, state and territory governments, the National Soils Advocate and soil community.
- **Commonwealth Interim Action Plan** outlines high-level actions and their interactions with programs such as the Agriculture Stewardship Package, the Emissions Reduction Fund and the Future Drought Fund.
- Commonwealth Interim Action Plan will be replaced by the **National Soil Action Plan**, which is currently under development.



National Soil Package: Governance

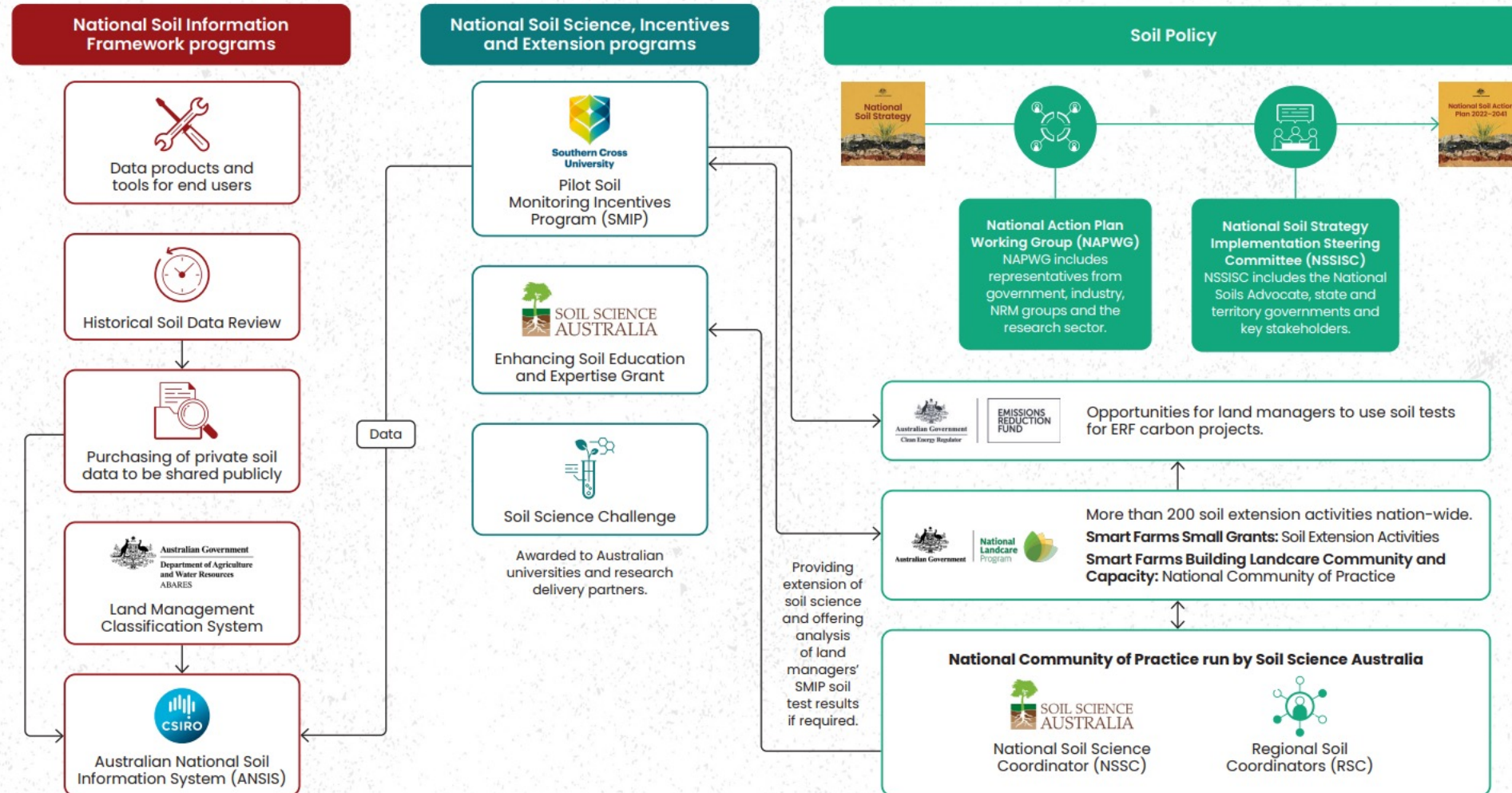




National Soil Package 2021–2025

Australia's Roadmap to healthier soil

The National Soil Strategy 2021–2041 sets out three key goals to prioritise soil health, empower soil innovation and stewards, and strengthen soil knowledge and capability. The National Soil Package measures listed below seek to implement these goals by working with land managers and key partners to improve our understanding of Australia's soil condition.



Thank you

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