

# LIGHTNING ROUND: THE FUTURE OF IDENTITY FEDERATIONS – WHERE WILL THEY ADD VALUE?

Advancements in technology and the emergence of international standards, together with the needs of users, are key factors driving change for identity federations. Consequently, it is important to understand the implications of these changes and the direction and opportunities that may result for all participants.

The Australian Access Federation (AAF) provides a framework and support infrastructure to facilitate trusted electronic communications and cross-institutional collaboration within the Australian Research and Higher Educator sector. The AAF is growing at a rapid pace and along with similar federations operating in the UK, USA and Europe, it is timely to consider what are the key factors which will determine the future of identify federations and where they will add value. This will provide the information needed to identify the key areas federations should focus on now from both an organisational and user perspective.

To help answer some of these complex questions, we have brought together some pundits for their thoughts on how identity federations will change the game over the next 5 years. Our invited speakers will be able to provide an insight into the future from a number of different perspectives given their diverse backgrounds and expertise. This will be followed by a period of questions and discussion.

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