### ENHANCING REGIONAL CAPABILITY & HARNESSING COLLECTIVE CAPACITY

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universities<sup>1</sup>

of our research is 'at or above world standard'<sup>3</sup>

#### **TOP 200** 15 UON disciplines ranked in the top 200 in the world<sup>2</sup>

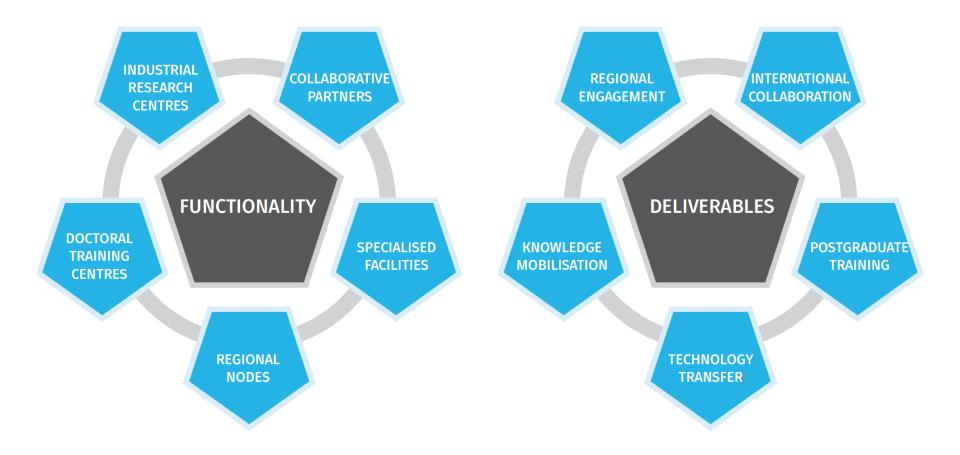
**NO. 1** Innovation Connections for 'industry collaboration<sup>4</sup> **TOP 8** in Australia for research 'well-above world standard'<sup>3</sup>

**TOP 25%** in Australia for overall education experience<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>QS World University Rankings 2019<sup>-2</sup>QS World University Rankings by Subject 2018<sup>-2</sup>Excellence in Research Australia 2015 <sup>4</sup>League table 2017, Innovation Connections program, AusIndustry <sup>5</sup>Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching 2016

### **GLOBAL IMPACT CLUSTER** ENERGY, RESOURCES, FOOD & WATER

### ACTIVITY WITHIN THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE GIC FRAMEWORK







# RESEARCH ROAD MAP

## RESEARCH FOCUS ARE

SPREP Member countries have identified four regional goals critical to achieving sustainable Pacific communities:

- Climate Change Resilience
- Ecosystem and Biodiversity Protection
- Waste Management and Pollution Control
- Environmental Governance

While each goal is a key focus, all four are closely interrelated. The Pacific node will support regional goals through dedicated research projects matched to relevant University of Newcastle research capabilities.

## DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

- Research focus areas in waste management and pollution control (waste handling, plastics, hazardous waste management, environmental remediation)
- Targeted PhD scholarships aligned to SPREP priority areas (microplastics, waste to resources, bioremediation)
- Research skills and training (short course and doctoral training)
- Supporting enterprise across the waste value chain