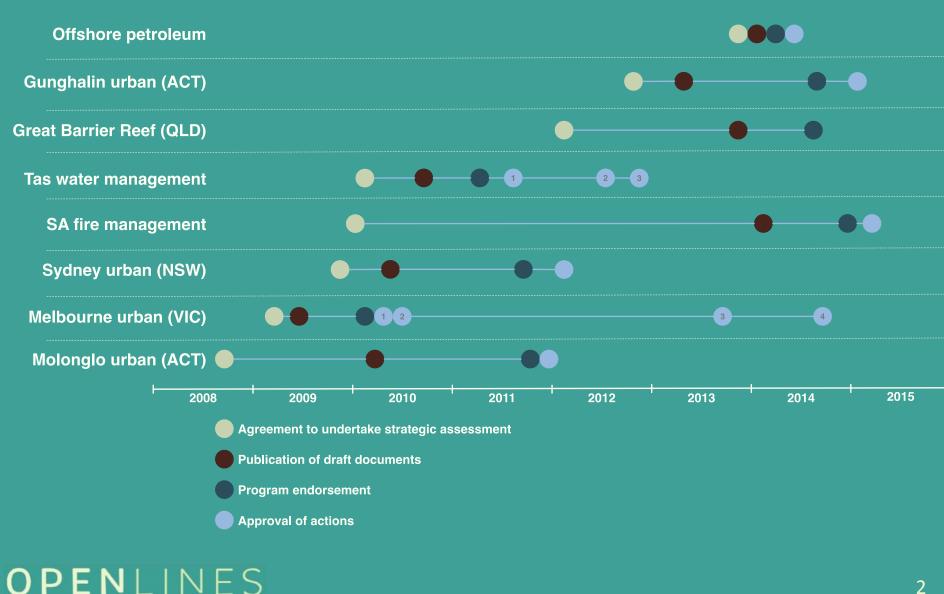
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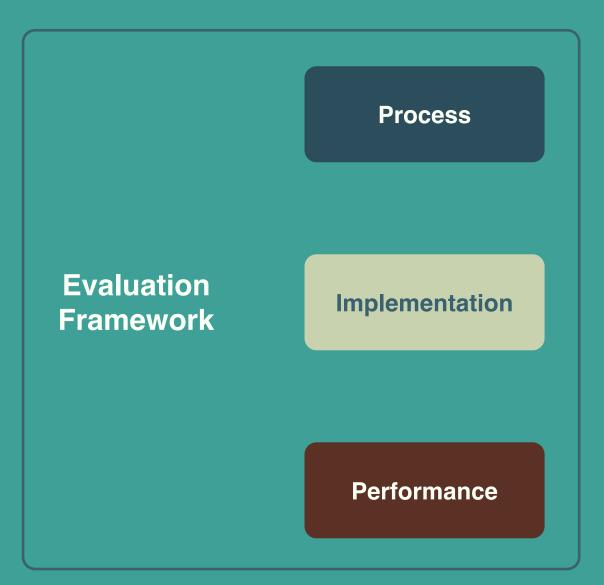
Completed assessments



We are not learning the lessons

- Opportunities to collect valuable feedback and critically evaluate strategic assessments are limited
- Disincentives to share information
- Process is often run by different people to implementation
- Limitations of current evaluation tools







Inputs for strong critical evaluation

- Feedback successful and unsuccessful strategies from previous assessments
- Implementation the strengths and limitations of implementers, both generally and in the context of specific proposed programs
- Priorities the interests of developers, the community, and other stakeholders
- **Change** legislative, political and practical constraints on changes to programs and their implementation context



Potential solutions?

- Improved annual reporting and regular reviews
- A standing panel of previous strategic assessment proponents
- Follow up surveys of key stakeholders
- Scenario testing
- Commonwealth funded regular reviews of the strategic assessment system

