

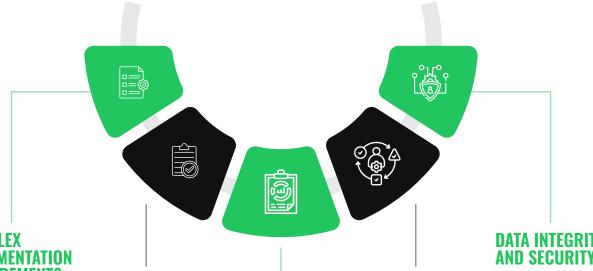




RESEARCH AND COMPLIANCE STANDARDISATION R&D COMPLIANCE AND EXPERIMENT TRACKING PACKAGE

### PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

Companies participating in the Australian R&D Tax Incentive program face specific challenges in maintaining auditable records of experimental activities, which are crucial for claiming tax benefits. These challenges include:



**COMPLEX DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS** 

**Properly** documenting each experiment with comprehensive details that meet the tax incentive program's requirements can be complex and time-consuming.

#### **AUDIT READINESS**

The need for readily available and well-organised experimental logs during audits or reviews by tax authorities can stress internal processes.

#### CONSISTENCY IN REPORTING

Ensuring that all experimental activities are reported in a consistent, timely, and accurate manner across various teams is difficult without standardised processes.

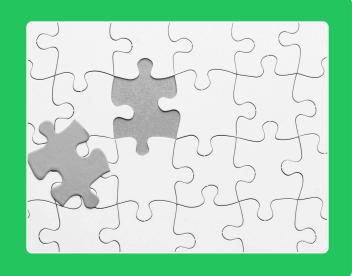
#### **CHANGE ADAPTATION**

Rapidly adapting to changes in tax law and compliance requirements while ensuring all R&D activities are appropriately logged.

#### **DATA INTEGRITY** AND SECURITY

Maintaining the integrity and confidentiality of R&D data, especially when such data forms the basis of tax credit claims.

These documentation and compliance requirements not only pose operational burdens but also carry significant financial risks if not managed properly.



### **RELEVANT STATISTICS**

90% 30% An analysis by Grant Thornton noted that approximately 20-25% of companies claiming R&D tax incentives undergo audits. Many of these companies are not prepared, primarily due to inadequate record-keeping. According to a study by BDO Firms using structured R&D Australia, over 30% of management and tracking companies that claim R&D systems report a success tax incentives face rate of over 90% in difficulties due to sustaining their R&D claims insufficient documentation, during audits, compared to which can lead to denied significantly lower rates for claims or reduced incentives. those without such systems 20-25% (R&D Advisory).



# ATLASSIAN SOLUTION: JIRA AND CONFLUENCE FOR R&D COMPLIANCE

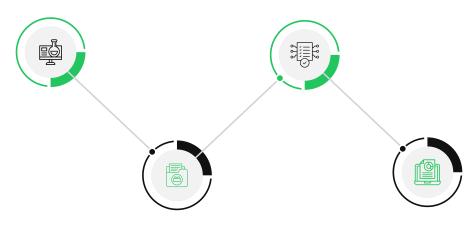
The **R&D Compliance and Experiment Tracking Package** leverages the capabilities of Jira and Confluence to create a robust framework for managing R&D experiments and ensuring compliance with the Australian R&D Tax Incentive program

# STRUCTURED EXPERIMENT LOGGING

Utilises Jira to log and track all experimental activities, ensuring each step is documented and timestamped for auditability.

# AUTOMATED COMPLIANCE CHECKS

Sets up automated workflows in Jira that flag non-compliance issues in real-time and guide teams through the necessary steps to ensure all activities meet regulatory requirements.



# CENTRALISED DOCUMENTATION REPOSITORY

Employs Confluence to store all related documentation, including experiment designs, results, and analyses, in a secure, organised, and searchable format.

# INTEGRATED REPORTING TOOLS

Uses Confluence to generate comprehensive reports that align with the Australian R&D Tax Incentive documentation standards, ready for audit use.



### **KEY COMPONENTS**



#### **EXPERIMENT TRACKING SETUP IN JIRA**

- Implement a custom Jira setup to log detailed records of each R&D experiment, including objectives, methodologies, outcomes, and personnel involved.
- Configure Jira to automatically timestamp and record all entries, ensuring data integrity and traceability.



#### **DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM IN CONFLUENCE**

- Establish a Confluence portal specifically for R&D projects to manage and store all documentation securely.



#### **REAL-TIME COMPLIANCE MONITORING**

- Integrate compliance tracking within Jira workflows that automatically alert teams about potential non-compliance issues and provide corrective action suggestions.
- Develop dashboards that give a real-time overview of the compliance status of all R&D activities.



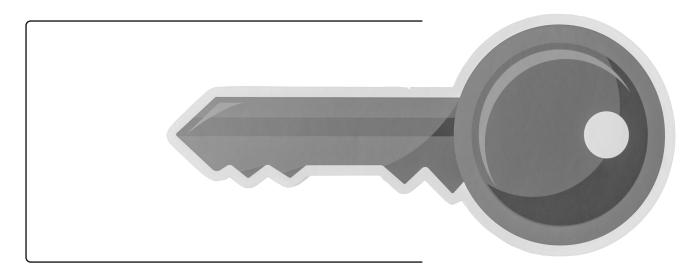
#### **AUDIT PREPARATION FEATURES**

- Utilise Confluence to organise documentation in an audit-friendly manner, including clear indexing and quick access features for easy retrieval during audits.
- Enable detailed audit trails within Jira that document all changes and accesses, supporting transparency and accountability.



#### TRAINING AND SUPPORT FOR COMPLIANCE

Provide comprehensive training sessions for R&D teams on using Jira and Confluence effectively.



### **OUTCOME GOALS**

Implementing this package aims to deliver critical outcomes for enterprises engaged in R&D activities under the Australian tax incentive framework

#### **ENHANCED DOCUMENTATION INTEGRITY**

Maintain a secure and comprehensive record of all R&D activities that can withstand rigorous audits.

#### **ADAPTIVE COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT**

Quickly respond to regulatory changes and ensure continuous compliance through flexible and updatable system configurations.



#### **STREAMLINED COMPLIANCE PROCESSES**

Automate and standardise the logging of experiments to ensure compliance with tax incentive regulations, reducing the risk of non-compliance penalties.



#### **IMPROVED AUDIT EFFICIENCY**

Prepare and present organised and accessible experiment logs and supporting documentation to swiftly comply with audit requirements.



#### TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE REPORTING

Provide clear visibility into the R&D process and compliance status to internal and external stakeholders, enhancing trust and accountability.

By focusing specifically on the needs of teams involved in the Australian R&D Tax Incentive program, the R&D **Compliance and Experiment** Tracking Package ensures that enterprises not only maximise their tax benefits but also minimise compliance risks and operational burdens associated with R&D documentation and auditing. This strategic approach fosters a proactive, compliant, and efficient R&D operation.



