

# Getting Good Ideas Funded Using NESTT

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# What is NESTT?

- Rapid process redesign methodology
- To develop, socialise and validate business process improvements
- A five-week journey
- Results in 20-day, 20-week and 20-month initiatives

**Navigate**

Contextualise the process

**Expand**

Ideation towards 20 days / 20 weeks / 20 months

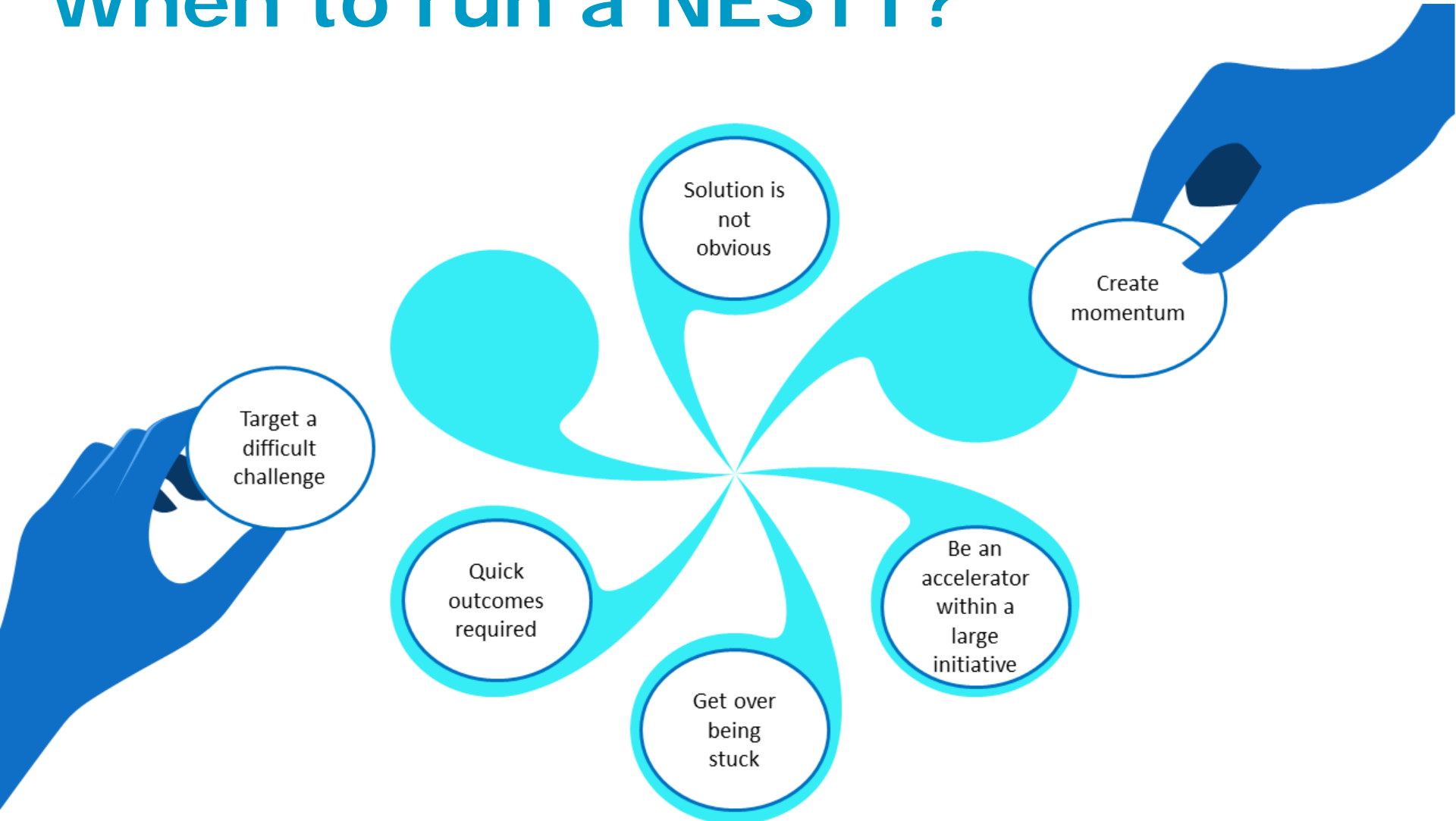
**Strengthen**

User testing and business cases

**Tune and  
Take-off**

User testing and business cases

# When to run a NESTTT?



# Why use NESTTT?

## Shortcomings of existing approaches



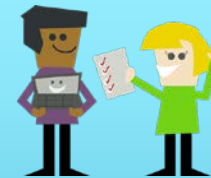
Exclusive  
focus on pain  
points  
(reactive)



Time  
consuming



Methodology  
over  
outcomes



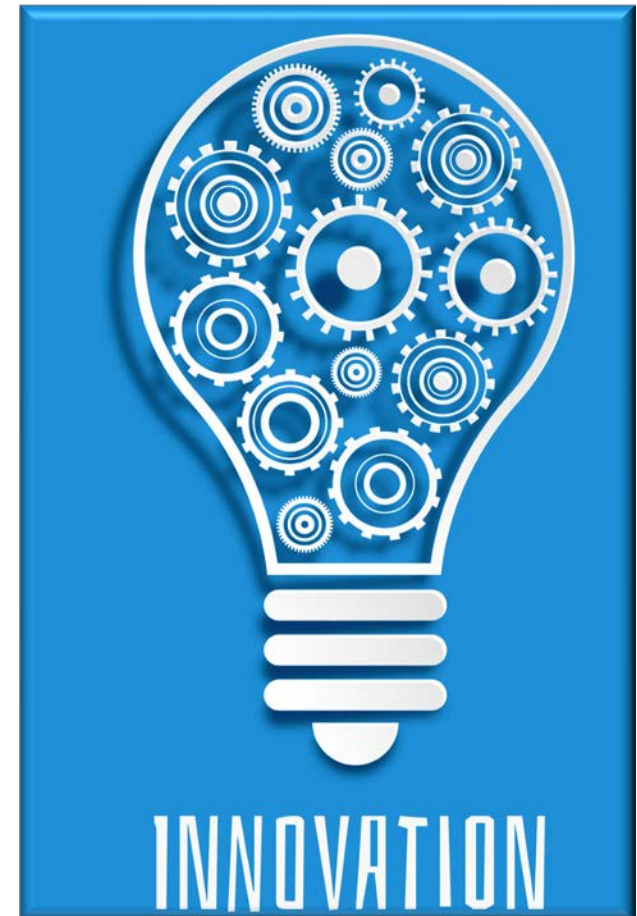
Lack of  
ongoing  
interactivity  
and  
transparency



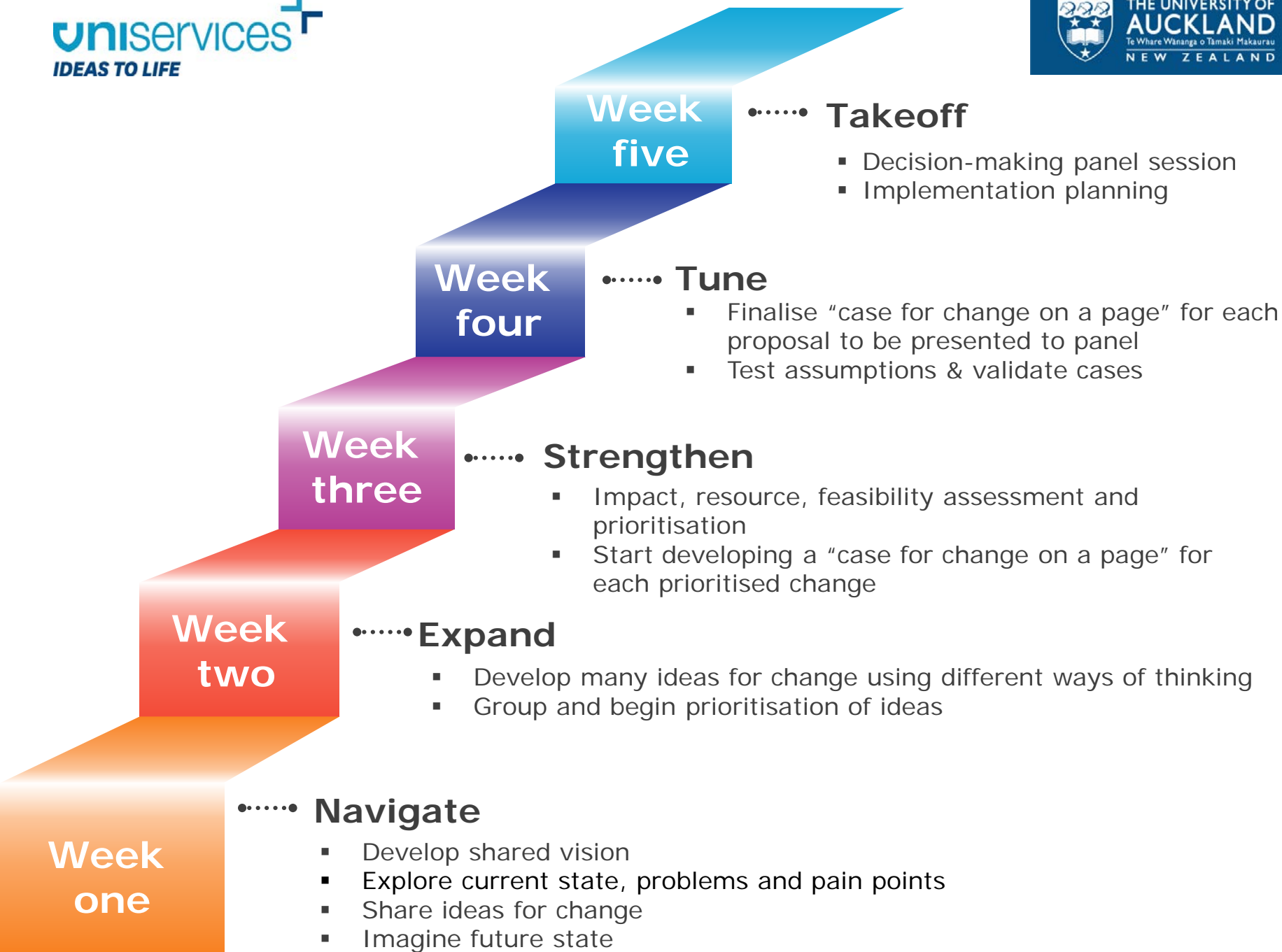
Limited  
end-user  
engagement



- A fresh look at our contestable submissions process
- Investigate process improvements to enable and empower our excellent Research Services teams



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# Week one - Navigate

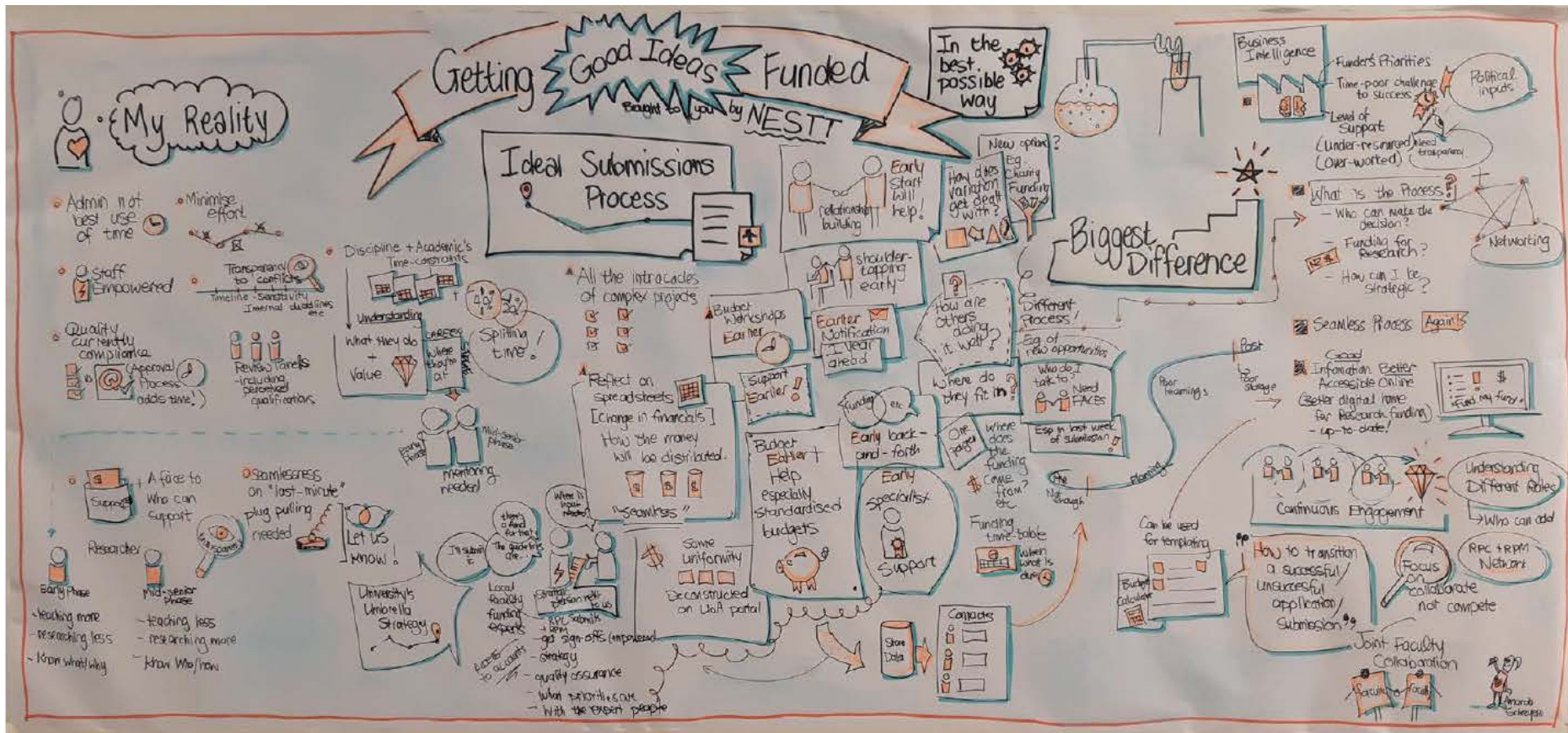
- Initial vision-setting session with NESTT team, panel, sponsors and facilitators
- NESTT team gets to know each other while imagining what we would like the process to be
- NESTT team shares some of their ideas for change – red post it notes signifying pain points





# Week two - Expand

- Listening to our researchers



Captured live by our visual artist Amanda Schreyer





# Week three - Strengthen

- Researcher feedback
- Presented our big ideas to the Research Service Leaders Community of Practice
- Regroup ideas into what can be achieved in 20 days, 20 weeks, 20 months
- Work on a new process incorporating the ideas generated in the NESTT



# Week four and five – Tune and Takeoff

- Develop a case on a page using the four themes
- Decision-making panel session
- Implementation planning





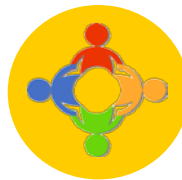
# Four themes



Ideas, not just applications



Time & resource efficiency



Connecting research



Research Market Intelligence

# Progress on our four themes



## Ideas, not just applications

- ✓ Shift from an applications driven support model to one that prioritises the development and funding of ideas



## Time & resource efficiency

- ✓ Automation business case underway for CV outputs



## Research Market Intelligence

- ✓ Changes to research governance model to align with research strategy and the sharing of research market intelligence

# Summary – feedback from our stakeholders

Good to see relationships being built and/or strengthened

really pleased to see reps from your team, BDMs, and FIRST on the same page, with much more understanding of other teams' work

Panel members and stakeholders

Agreed that the recommendations coming out of the NESTT were worth implementing.

pleased to see a focus on this process and liked being engaged to give their thoughts

Researchers