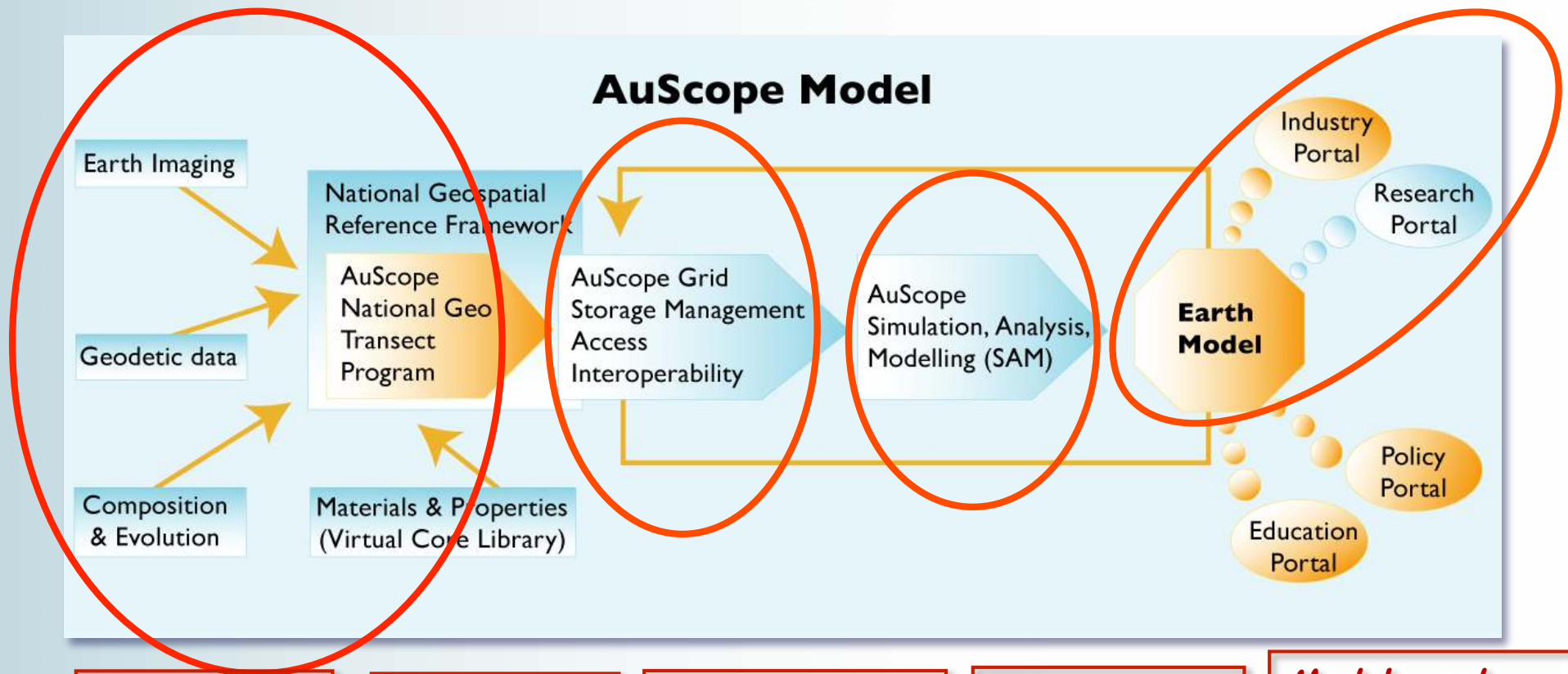


# NCRIS - An Experiment Worth Repeating

- “National” and “Collaborative” encouraged participants to work towards a broader vision of the future
- The Roadmapping process set truly national goals aligned with the National Research Priorities, and ensured that the research communities did not have a blank canvass on which to spread their needs too thinly.
- The independently financed Facilitation process encouraged time and effort spent on planning, on consultation, and, most importantly, on persuasion.
- NCRIS Committee and Department supported, advised and encouraged the planning process, especially to reach for a challenging and visionary outcome.

# The AuScope Model



*Physical equipment & datasets*

*National spatial data framework*

*Grid computing infrastructure to access data*

*Software for analysis and modelling*

*Models and concepts for the Australian Continent*

# What Might Have Happened Otherwise?

## RFP's + Peer Review = Mediocrity

- Busy and productive scientists rushing out proposals that, of necessity, emphasised their own needs and those of their own departments, research groups, etc.
- Lip-service paid to “National” and “Collaborative”, emphasis on more of the same, no community-wide vision.
- A conventional peer review process would have rewarded mediocrity, spread the resources too thinly and delivered more of the same.
- Little or no engagement of the scientific and research communities outside the university sector.