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### **Proposed revisions to NHMRC's Open Access Policy and Further Guidance (April 2021)**

This submission is made on behalf of the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), the peak body for libraries and library and information professionals, in response to NHMRC's proposed revisions to its open access policy.

ALIA has a strong interest in academic research, in both science and the humanities.

- Libraries invest in published research through journal subscriptions and are closely involved in the development of transformative agreements with publishers to achieve open access for government-funded research.
- Libraries make research outputs, including publications and reusable data, discoverable through their database subscriptions and management of institutional repositories.
- Library staff provide support to university research teams and academics undertaking independent research.
- We publish our own Journal, with content provided by Australian and overseas academics and researchers. The Journal is particularly significant for academics researching and teaching library and information science in the Australian context.

With our colleagues [CAUL](#) and [AOASG](#), we welcome this consultation. We applaud the NHMRC's long term commitment to open access, which are in line with the FAIR principles of findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable, and we agree with the proposed revisions. In particular, we support the requirement for Creative Commons licensing and the explicit inclusion of data.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue McKerracher".

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