

Open Access in the Humanities and Social Sciences: Australian Developments

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Australian Open Access Support Group

Supporting open access to Australian research

Recent Australian OA activities

- New ARC & NHMRC mandates
 - What is required
 - Compliance challenges – copyright & technology
 - Compliance verification
- UA position – *A Smarter Australia* (10.35am)
- Australian Open Access Support Group
- **Not** discussing data - Australian National Data Service or Open Government (11.30am)

ARC & NHMRC - OA policies

- ARC (introduced 1 January 2013)
 - All outputs (including books)
 - 2013 grants onward (we will not see OA output for several years)
- NHMRC (introduced 1 July 2012)
 - Journal articles only
 - Any publication after 1 July 2012 regardless of the grant

Requirements of ARC & NHMRC policies



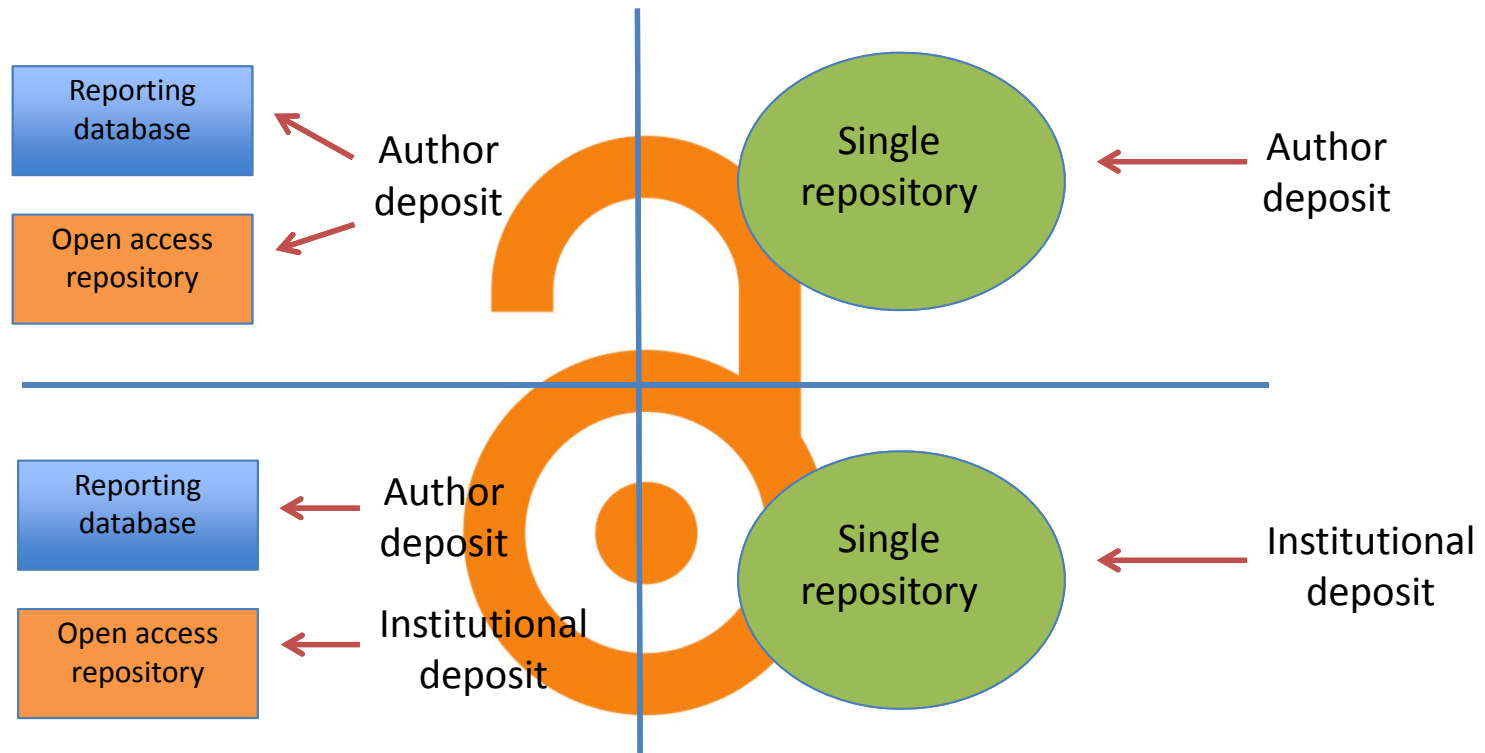
Compliance challenges - Copyright

- Publisher limitations:
 - Wiley don't allow the deposit of the Accepted Version **at all**
 - Elsevier don't allow the deposit of the Accepted Version **if author is mandated**
 - Only exception is a 'separate agreement' with funding bodies - ARC won't negotiate
- Monographs:
 - Different funding model to journal publication
 - Different contribution by the publisher
 - Open access discussion with traditional monograph publishers still at early stages
 - Many interesting developments in the OA space here

Compliance challenges - What CTAs allow

- In 2012, two committees of Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) – CAIRSS & COSIAC – analysed a list of NHMRC funded publications in one year.
 - The list was top heavy:
 - 50% of the publications were in only 104 journals
 - Remaining 50% are in over 9000 journals
 - HASS is likely to be more diverse.
- Looking at that top 50%:
 - Without Elsevier and Wiley we will be able to make only 55% of work available within 12 months
- Problems:
 - THAT is assuming we know these publications exist AND we have an Accepted Version of it to put in the repository.

Compliance challenge - Technology



- Challenges with different administrative arrangements
- Determining which items result from a grant

Compliance verification options

- Harvesting a report from repository
 - All Aust repositories are introducing a standard field for mandate-affected items:
 - “dc.relation”
 - with format “NHMRC/157125”
- Responding to the question:
 - What % of total output for given year is OA in your repository?

UA – *A Smarter Australia*

- Positive about OA and recognises digital repositories used for collection of all data will reduce administrative burden.
- But target and timeframe are very conservative:
 - *...universities will include metadata on research publications in their institutional repositories and will expand the proportion of full text publications available to 50 per cent by 2030. (p45)*
 - <http://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au/resources/792/1549>

Australian Open Access Support Group

- Governance:
 - Steering committee: representatives from six institutions with open access mandates - ANU, Charles Sturt University, Macquarie University, Newcastle University, QUT and Victoria University
 - Funding supports 0.6FTE Executive Officer – Dr Danny Kingsley
 - In set-up phase, operating on an initial 12 month funding model
 - Membership to be expanded in 2013
- Achievements (1st 4 months):
 - Developed website with many OA resources – aoasg.org.au
 - Discussion list for practitioners in the OA space
 - Several media appearances & articles
 - Individual assistance and advice at uni & govt level re OA

Questions & information

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Initiatives in OA in HASS sector

Publishing

- Ubiquity Press - <http://www.ubiquitypress.com>
 - OA journal publisher Ubiquity Press was founded by researchers at University College London (UCL)
- Sage Open
 - *SAGE Open* is a peer-reviewed, "Gold" open access journal from SAGE that publishes original research and review articles in an interactive, open access format. <http://sgo.sagepub.com>
- Public Library of Humanities and Social Sciences (PLOHSS)
 - Planned scholar designed OA mega-venue for HaSS. <http://www.plohss.org>

Dissemination

- IUPUI Arts and Humanities Institute
 - mission includes showcasing and promoting the major intellectual and scholarly contributions that IUPUI faculty members from across disciplines are making in the arts and humanities
- Humanities and Social Science Directories
 - international database of contemporary scholarship relating to the humanities and social sciences. <http://www.humanitiesdirectory.com> & <http://www.socialsciencesdirectory.com>

Conferences

- Open Access Monographs in the Humanities and Social Sciences conference
 - 1-2 July 2013 London - <http://www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/JISC-Collections-events/oabooksconf/>

Issues with question about OA content

- Internal analysis of all Australian repositories - June 2012
 - Question:
 - *What is the total number of OA items in your repository?*
 - Theses: 30,540
 - Research items: 124,015
 - Archive items (e.g. images): 51,381
 - **TOTAL: 205,936 items**
- Note:
 - Three units did not respond, many reported challenges identifying the OA items in their repositories.
 - This does NOT answer the question:
What % of total output for given year is OA in your repository?

ARC & NHMRC policy decision tree

