CONNECTING THE DOTS

20+ years of open in Australia

There have been open research initiatives in Australia since the very beginning of global discussions on open access to research publications in the early 2000s. The initiatives in Australia have come from a range of actors, including the federal government, funders, institutions, and peak and advocacy bodies. This arrow illustrates some of the key initiatives over the past 20 years. In 2020, the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) and the Australasian Open Access Strategy Group (AOASG, now Open Access Australasia) facilitated a national discussion on open research. In 2021, there is increased momentum towards open access to research publications driven by work from the Office of the Chief Scientist, Dr Cathy Foley.



Open Repositories Conference held in Brisbane

Productivity Commission Report on Intellectual Property Arrangements

recommended all levels of government "implement 2016 an open access policy for publicly funded research"

CAUL Statement on Open Scholarship

updated

2019

2019

Australian Academy of Science Position Statement – Open Science

supports the development of an open science strategy for Australia. 2021

CAUL & AOASG joint statement on Plan S welcoming the

plan's aspirations.



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Chief Scientist statement on open access

Dr Cathy Foley noted that open access was one of her four pillars of work.



information

Australian National University (ANU) repository established

Australia's first institutional repository.

2000

Service

valuable"

through the ARROW,

2006

Queensland **University of Technology (QUT) Open Access Policy**

First university in the world with institution wide OA mandate.



Institution **Event** Australian

Government

Funder

Peak / advocacy body

with the aim of

repositories ASHER and RUBRIC programs.

investment in

university

Federal

National Data established

making Australia's "data assets more

2008

Brisbane Declaration on Open Access published

2008

ANU Press established Australia's first open access university press.

2010 **CAUL Statement on**

published

Open Scholarship

OAK List published

2008

An online, searchable database of publishers' agreements and open access policies developed by QUT researchers.

> **Australian Research** Council (ARC) Open **Access Policy**

Major Australian funder requires OA after a 12 month embargo for research outputs produced from research funded by the ARC.

Knowledge Unlatched

2013 2013

Open Access & Research Conference held in Brisbane

launched at the conference.

2015 **CAUL Statement on**

Open Scholarship updated

allowing access to anonymised public data published by federal, state & local government agencies.

2013

data.gov.au

launched

AOASG formed

Supported initially by six universities to advocate for open access across Australia.

2012

National Research 2011 Infrastructure Roadmap published

2014

National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Open Access **Policy** Australia's other major funder

requires OA after 12 month embargo for research outputs produced from research funded by the NHMRC.

2017

Curtin Open Knowledge Initiative established

Australian Research Data

Government

response to

Productivity

Commission report

Accepted the report

but did not act on it.

2017

2018

Commons established

as a provider of digital

research infrastructure.

2017

A hub for analysis and evaluation of open knowledge in higher education.

2016

F.A.I.R. Policy Statement for access to Australia's research outputs

issued by a Working Group convened by the Universities Australia Deputy Vice Chancellors (Research) Committee.

> **Australian Government Funding Arrangements for** non-NHMRC Research

> Inquiry recommends strategic approach to open research.

2018

First two **CAUL-negotiated** transformative

2020

agreements with Microbiology Society & Portland Press come into effect.

2019

CAUL & AOASG statement prior to federal election

advocating for a strategic approach to open research.

Creative Commons licensing.

Funder open access policies strengthened 2018 By 2018, both ARC & NHMRC OA policies include First transformative agreement with an Australian

2021

publisher - CSIRO negotiated by CAUL One of five new

transformative agreements for 2021.

AOASG becomes

2021

Open Access Australasia

Now comprised of 28 universities across Australia & New Zealand & five affiliate organisations.



Please attribute CAUL & OA

2000 - 2010

2011 - 2019

2020 - 2021

CAUL & AOASG

open research

consultations

consultations on a

to open research in

Australia.

National & international

potential policy approach

2020