



Australian Research Data Commons

Research Data Australia Service Schedule

1 Background

Research Data Australia (**RDA**) is an online portal for finding research data and associated projects, researchers, and data services. Users can find, access, and reuse data for research from over one hundred Australian research organisations, government agencies, and cultural institutions. RDA covers a broad spectrum of research fields from science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) through to social sciences, arts and humanities.

RDA caters specifically for researchers but also has broader relevance to others including policy makers, educators, industry and business people.

2 User

Contact Name: _____

Organisation Name: _____ ACN/ABN _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

3 Service

RDA and the RDA Registry - a software application for storing and managing the collection descriptions (metadata records) provided to, and displayed, in Research Data Australia.

4 Term

This agreement will become effective at the date of signature and will continue until 31 December 2023. After 31 December 2023, this agreement will be automatically extended on an annual basis unless terminated.

Either party may terminate this agreement by providing the other party with 3 months' notice, in writing. Termination will be effective after the expiration of the 3-month notice period.

Without prejudice to ARDC's other rights, ARDC may terminate this agreement immediately on notice to the User if the User breaches any term of the agreement.

5 Additional terms

5.1 User Responsibilities

In providing ARDC with metadata describing the research data collections (including related parties, if any), activities and services, Users:

- (a) must take reasonable steps to ensure:

- (i) the quality, accuracy, and currency of the metadata in accordance with the [Research Data Australia Collection Policies](#); and
- (ii) the administrative information required for harvesting is accurate and updated;
- (b) must ensure and warrant that they are authorised to provide ARDC with the metadata and that it does not infringe the intellectual property of anyone else;
- (c) must only provide metadata that is appropriate for public distribution;
- (d) must ensure they keep the original copies of metadata records in their systems; and
- (e) acknowledge and agree that:
 - (i) ARDC will use and publish the metadata; and
 - (ii) ARDC may allow third parties to harvest the metadata from our services and to use and publish it in their services.

5.2 ARDC Responsibilities

ARDC will endeavour to provide discovery and access services to publicise Users' Metadata and refer others to Users' data collection and may:

- (a) publish the metadata; and
- (f) allow third parties to harvest the metadata from ARDC and to use and publish it in their services.

By signing into or otherwise using the Service, you agree to the terms of this Service Schedule and the ARDC's Standard Terms of Service, available at [https://ardc.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/ARDC Service agreement.pdf](https://ardc.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/ARDC_Service_agreement.pdf).

Signed by **User**

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Signature of authorised person

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Office held

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Name (print)

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Date