

# Open access at RMIT

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- What is OA?
- Why me?
- Path through RMIT

- Open-access (OA) literature is digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions.

Peter Suber - <http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm>



## Why me?

- Deep personal belief
- “Information wants to be free”
- Public library background
- Public money, public benefit

# My experience at RMIT

- Academic Board
- College Boards
- Policy approval process
- Two central arguments
  - Citation count
  - Publisher profitability

# Profitability

- Elsevier
- \$998 million euro profit
- ISI Thompson
  - \$ 7.6 billion sale



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