


Short shrift for the long tail?: policies, programs and print conservation in Australia

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Australian experience

Discussed and negotiated by CAUL 1998-2004

- *CAVAL The Case for a National Information Research Centre* 1999
- National Cooperative Store Workshop 1999
- National Cooperative Store Working Party 1999-2001



Australian experience

Research Resources Australia (2000-2004)

“to create a national cooperative network that facilitates access and delivery of research materials from repositories across Australia”

RAA consisted of an executive of four drawn from the existing Victorian and South Australian repositories/stores



Australian experience

CAUL Report *National Collaborative Library Storage Strategy* (2004) canvases major issues and provides three scenarios for future activity.

April 2004, CAUL drops the RRA proposal, noting lack of sufficient support from within CAUL.



Australian experience

Non-CAUL ‘players’

- ❑ Australian Library Collections Taskforce
- ❑ Information Infrastructure Advisory Committee/ Australian Research Information Infrastructure Committee
- ❑ Scholarly Communications Roundtable



UK experience

HE/BL: Higher Education/ British Library
Taskforce (1999+)

S O'Connor, A Wells & M Collier

*A Study of Collaborative Storage of Library
Resources: Report for the HE/ BL Task
Force 2001*



UK experience

CURL: Consortium of Research Libraries in the British Isles

- 20+ leading university libraries
- National libraries of England, Scotland and Wales
- Other research libraries with collections of national importance



UK experience

CURL Report

Chems Consulting

Optimising Storage and Access in UK

*Research Libraries: A Study for CURL and
the British Library 2005*



UK experience

Research Support Libraries Group (2001-2003)

Membership drawn from:

- CEOs/VC of leading research universities
- National Librarians, Britain and Wales
- CEOs, national research organisations
- Higher education funding bodies



UK experience

Research Support Libraries Group *Final Report (2003)*

“Existing providers of research information work in loosely coordinated networks which lack the unified and focussed strategic leadership required to pull together a national framework of interdependent functions and to generate comprehensive and sustainable solutions to the information needs of researchers.”



UK experience

RIN: Research Information Network (2005+)

Consortium of 'sponsors'

- Four higher education funding bodies
- Eight research councils
- Three National Libraries

UK experience

RIN mission



To lead and co-ordinate new developments in the collaborative provision of research information for the benefit of researchers in the UK.

UK experience

RIN aim (one of six):

To lead the development of a programme to sustain and enhance management and development of the aggregate UK collection of published hard copy resources.



Australia: the way forward?

A new representative body for Australian research libraries, consisting of:

- A subset of CAUL libraries
- National and state libraries
- Other libraries with significant research collections



Australia: the way forward?

A second body, with representation from:

- ❑ The first body
- ❑ Other bodies representing research libraries, eg CAUL; NSLA; Government Libraries Information Network; CSIRO
- ❑ ARC; AVCC
- ❑ Learned academies
- ❑ Collections Council of Australia
- ❑ Existing repositories



Australia: the policy challenges

1. The question of structure



2. The question of 'ownership'



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