

TOWARDS A COMMON APPROACH TO DATA LICENSING IN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES

On 13 September CAUL endorsed the *[AusGOAL](#) framework for the licensing of research data.

AusGOAL's guidelines are expected to generate many benefits for Australian universities, national and international research communities and research funding bodies. Some of the key benefits include:

1. A common approach to data licensing across research and government, facilitating use and reuse of data for further innovation and research.
2. Clarity around the permissions, terms and conditions for reuse of the data within and across universities, and to the wider research community. This will reduce risks and enhance efficiency by standardising the number and type of licence formats used.
3. Reduced transaction costs for universities and research organisations. AusGOAL provides an established framework, tools and support for organisations implementing an open data policy, reducing drafting and development costs associated with bespoke institutional licences.
4. Better promotion of universities, their researchers and research programs.

CAUL will support AusGOAL's objectives by:

- Collaborating with researchers and research institutions to raise awareness of the principles, practice and benefits of AusGOAL's standardised data licensing.
- Working with researchers and university research offices to implement appropriate licences.
- Collaborating and engaging with the Australian National Data Service's programs related to data licensing and intellectual property.
- Developing infrastructure components, including institutional data repositories, that embrace best practice approaches to data management.

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*AusGOAL, the Australian Governments' Open Access and Licensing Framework