



Data Management Subcommittee of the eResearch Committee

Data Management Plan

PRESENTATION CONTENT

- **What is a Data Management Plan?**
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OVER-ARCHING POLICY PRINCIPLES

- **Principles (Guided by Monash University Information Management Principles)**
 - **Centralised data storage**
 - **Security of data**
 - **Sharing of research data**
 - **Preservation of data when required**
 - **Sustainability of storage**
 - **Information Lifecycle Management**
 - **Use of Open Standard formats**

DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN – what is it?

- **Instrument to help researchers manage their data**
- **Instrument to help the University manage data and obligations to various bodies**
- **Complete at beginning of research project, updating when necessary**
- **Captures some technical, access and descriptive metadata at the beginning of a research project**
- **Pilot stage**

DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN – how does it work?

- **Pilot plan – 10 questions – 5 key areas**
- **Who / What?**
- **What sort of / how much data?**
- **Is it / how is it categorised?**
- **Who can / can't access the data (and when)?**
- **How long do we have to keep the data?**

DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN – how does it work?

- **Principles -**

- **Plan completion not onerous**
- **Must have visible benefits**
- **Must assist in providing complete research data solution for researchers**

DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN – how far have we got?

- **Developed the questions**
- **Tested the plan with some academics**
- **Waiting for them to all get back to us**
- **Studying their answers/comments**
- **Looking at possibilities for implementation**

DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN – where are we going?

- **Provision of an effective planning instrument for the University**
- **Integration of plan with storage and instruments where applicable**
- **Ability to fulfil University requirements and offer researchers a useful tool for data management if required**

DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN – where to from here?

- **Over to you Nick!**