

Data Licensing

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This Factsheet sets out different ways in which data providers can provide their data to AURIN. For further details about the benefits of becoming an AURIN data provider please [click here](#).

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OPTION 1: PROVIDING DATA THROUGH OPEN DATA INITIATIVES: CREATIVE COMMONS 4.0

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EXAMPLES OF CREATIVE COMMONS DATA LICENCES

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CREATING A CREATIVE COMMONS DATA LICENSE

There is no registration to use the Creative Commons licences. Licensing a work is as simple as selecting which of the licences best meets your [goals](#), and then sending AURIN an email so that we can make the data

available under those licence terms and provide end users with notice of their obligations. For further details please contact Dr Serryn Eagleson serrynle@unimelb.edu.au

OPTION 2. PROVIDING DATA THROUGH THE AURIN STANDARD DATA LICENCE

For organisations that would prefer not to provide data to AURIN through Creative Commons or other open data initiatives, AURIN has developed the AURIN Standard Data Licence for data providers to use.

The AURIN Standard Data Licence captures the unique nature of the AURIN Project. Our experience had been that data licence documentation provided by most organisations was aimed at the release of data to an individual or company requesting it for their own use. AURIN, by contrast, is a collaborative initiative that provides researchers and policy decision makers with access to data for non-commercial purposes. AURIN has worked with legal counsel to develop terms that are designed to address common data provider concerns while also allowing for AURIN's unique data facilitation role.

The AURIN Standard Data Licence addresses common data provider concerns in a number of ways, for example:

- data providers retain ownership rights in the data and can specify how end users must attribute the data;
- AURIN can only sublicense the data to end users who have been approved to use the AURIN Portal, or to AURIN's sub-project partners;
- end users can only use the data as a resource for non-commercial purposes;
- end users must comply with the [AURIN Site Terms of Use](#) that set out the conditions on which the

data can be accessed and used;

- data is provided on an "as is" basis; that is, with no warranty by data providers that the data is accurate, complete or up to date; and
- data is provided for a limited initial term, through until 30 June 2015. After that time, the term of the agreement will automatically renew, but there is a right for either party to terminate by giving not less than 90 days' written notice.

AURIN may also consider specific arrangements for providers of health data or other data providers with particular needs.

For further details or to obtain a copy of the AURIN Standard Data Licence Terms please contact Emma Williams emma.williams@unimelb.edu.au

SUMMARY: STEPS FOR PROVIDING DATA TO AURIN

STEP 1: Look at the Options for providing data and select how you would like to provide data to AURIN.

STEP 2: If you would like to provide data to AURIN through Creative Commons then please follow the steps under Option 1. You can access the AURIN Standard Data Licence and FAQs [here](#).

STEP 3: Once data licences are in place, please contact Dr Serryn Eagleson serrynle@unimelb.edu.au to arrange to provide your data to AURIN.