

Memorandum of Understanding

The Australian Government Linked Data Working Group

PARTIES

The **Australian Bureau of Statistics** of [insert address] (Domain Maintenance Organisation)

AND

The entities as laid out in Schedule 1 (Signatory Organisations)

1 Interpretation

1.1 In this Memorandum of Understanding (**MOU**) the Domain Maintenance Organisation and Signatory Organisations are each referred to as a **Party** and collectively referred to as **the Parties**.

2 Purpose of this MOU

2.1 This MOU records the intention of the Parties to work together within the Australian Government Linked Data Working Group (**AGLDWG**) under the AGLDWG's terms of reference as published from time to time at <https://www.linked.data.gov.au>.

3 The Australian Government Linked Data Working Group (AGLDWG)

3.1 The AGLDWG is an informally constituted working group within the Australian Government.

3.2 Each Party to this Agreement will contribute at least one participant to the AGLDWG.

3.3 The Parties note that the AGLDWG is not a separately constituted body and does not have the power to act independently.

4 Accession of Parties to the MOU

4.1 From time to time, other parties may request to join this MOU, and through it the AGLDWG.

4.2 Any new Party will only become party to this MOU on valid execution of the Accession Documentation by the Australian National University and that Party, substantially in the form set out in Schedule 2.

5 Objectives

5.1 In signing this MOU the Parties acknowledge their shared objectives of:

5.1.1 participating in the AGLDWG in accordance with AGLDWG's terms of reference (as published from time to time at <https://www.linked.data.gov.au>) and as the primary discussion forum

for Linked Data and `linked.data.gov.au` related matters;

5.1.2 reviewing and considering any potential DNS changes initiated by the Domain Maintenance Organisation or requested by a third party (including Signatory Organisations);

5.1.3 working together to seek amicable resolutions to any concerns raised during the review process in 5.1.2;

5.1.4 maintaining a cooperative relationship and keeping all Parties informed of any likely issues in the future relating to planned or actual changes to `linked.data.gov.au`; and

5.1.5 acting reasonably and in good faith towards each other, noting that disagreements may be escalated to SES-level APS for further discussion if necessary.

6 Term

6.1 The parties intend that their cooperation will be carried out for a period of five years from the date of execution of this MOU.

6.2 Notwithstanding clause 6.1, any Party may terminate its involvement in the MOU at any time.

6.3 A Party may request that the MOU be varied at any time.

6.4 Pursuant to a request under clause 6.3, the Parties will first consider and discuss the proposed variations within the AGLDWG. Each participant in the AGLDWGP will then inform their respective organisation of the changes and seek formal approval.

6.5 If all Parties approve the variation then a formal variation agreement will be signed by all Parties.

7 Effect of this MOU

7.1 This MOU outlines the framework of a working relationship between the Parties, and is not intended to be legally binding.

7.2 The Parties may enter into a legally binding agreement if they wish to collaborate on any projects arising out of the AGLDWG.

7.3 This MOU may be signed in any number of counterparts (including electronically signed counterparts) and all such signed counterparts, taken together, shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument even though both parties may not have signed each separate counterpart.

SIGNED

for and on behalf of the **Australian Bureau of Statistics** by an authorised officer in the presence of:

(Signature of authorised officer)

(Printed name of authorised officer)

(Date)

(Signature of authorised officer)

(Printed name of authorised officer)

(Date)

SIGNED

for and on behalf of the **[Entity]** by an authorised officer in the presence of:

(Signature of authorised officer)

(Printed name of authorised officer)

(Date)

(Signature of authorised officer)

(Printed name of authorised officer)

(Date)

Schedule 1 Signatory Organisations

Name of Signatory Organisation	Details of Signatory Organisation
Australian Bureau of Statistics	
Australian National University	Acton, ACT 2601, Australia
Australian Bureau of Meteorology	
Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation	
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	
Department of Finance	
Geological Survey of Queensland	
Geological Survey of South Australia	
Geoscience Australia	
National Archives of Australia	

Schedule 2 Accession Documentation

PARTIES

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (ABN 52 234 063 906) an educational and research institute and body corporate pursuant to the Australian National University Act 1991 (Cth), as represented by the College of Asia and the Pacific, of Acton in the Australian Capital Territory, 2601 (**University**)

AND

[INSERT OTHER PARTY NAME] ABN (insert ABN) of [insert address] (**Acceding Party**)

BACKGROUND

1. The University, the Domain Maintenance Organisation and the other Signatory Organisations entered into an MOU regarding the Australian Linked Data Working Group (the **MOU**).
2. The Acceding Party wishes to become a signatory to the MOU as a new Signatory Organisation.

AGREED TERMS

1 Accession to the MOU

1.1 The Acceding Party confirms that it has been supplied with a copy of the MOU and intends to observe the provisions in the MOU so that the Acceding Party is deemed, from the date of execution of this agreement, to be a party to the MOU and a Signatory Organisation.

2 Effect of this Documentation

2.1 This Accession Documentation is not intended to be legally binding.

SIGNED

for and on behalf of the **The Australian National University ABN 52 234 063 906** by an authorised officer in the presence of:

(Signature of authorised officer)

(Printed name of authorised officer)

(Date)

(Signature of witness)

(Printed name of witness)

(Date)

EXECUTED AS A DEED

for and on behalf of the **[Entity]** by an authorised officer in the presence of:

(Signature of authorised officer)

(Printed name of authorised officer)

(Date)

(Signature of witness)

(Printed name of witness)

(Date)