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**Draft text for the proposed legislative instrument: quality of provider research**

This submission is made on behalf of the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), the peak body for libraries and library and information professionals, in response to TEQSA's draft text for the proposed legislative instrument relating to the quality of research generated by accredited higher education providers.

ALIA has a strong interest in academic research.

- Libraries invest in published research through journal subscriptions and are closely involved in the development of transformative agreements with publishers to achieve open access for government-funded research.
- Libraries make research discoverable through their database subscriptions and management of institutional repositories.
- Library staff provide support to university research teams and academics undertaking independent research.
- We publish our own Journal, with content provided by Australian and overseas academics and researchers. The Journal is particularly significant for academics researching and teaching library and information science in the Australian context.

We support the draft text as it stands, but put forward the following additions:

- That an institution's positive and pro-active policy on open access publishing, including open access to government-funded research, be one of the considerations.
- That the provision of an institutional repository for re-usable data, pre-publication and version of record articles be a further consideration.
- That research integrity be specified in item (d), as trustworthiness is essential if outputs are to be relied upon.

We would be pleased to provide more information about our suggested inclusions.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue McKerracher".

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