Submission on the Australian National Persistent Identifier (PID) Strategy from the Australian Library and Information Association

The Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) including ALIA Health Libraries Australia (ALIA HLA) would like to congratulate the Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC) for their excellent work on the Australian National Persistent Identifier (PID) draft strategy. ALIA is the peak body for libraries and information services in Australia, covering academic, special (including government and health), school, public and national, state and territory sectors.

ALIA endorses the FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable) CARE Principles for Indigenous Data Sovereignty (Collective benefit, Authority to control, Responsibility, Ethics) and is glad to see both referenced. We note that the CARE principles are only referenced in the introductory section under challenges, and suggest that it could be made clearer that the PID strategy incorporates CARE principles.

ALIA sees significant potential for the PID strategy to support research and research reporting across different types of organisations and sectors. For example, many hospitals have teaching arms, generate independent and collaborative research and are directly connected to scholarly publishing without being traditional research institutes or universities. There is value in being able to understand this research activity, and bodies such as the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA) make information requests for data on hospital research. The data collection at hospital level currently is challenging, with outputs difficult to identify and concerns about consistent data collection across sites. There are particular challenges with the identification of collaborative research across multiple organisations or by researchers with multiple affiliations. Consistent use of PIDs, including Research Organisation Registry (RORs) would assist in research data collection across the health sector, including in clinical settings such as hospitals, reducing the administrative burden of data collection and increasing the quality and consistency of data collected. ALIA strongly supports ongoing outreach to organisations and sectors who produce and use research but whose primary purpose is not academic research, which will be necessary for this strategy to have maximum impact.

Non-traditional outputs (NTROs) such as reports and grey literature are integral to the research and scholarly landscape, but are sometimes overlooked and subject to less consistency in terms of their management. ALIA considers that the PID strategy has a role to play supporting FAIR NTROs, but in addition notes the importance of robust infrastructure and the challenges of short-term funding in this area. The potentially closure of the Australian Policy Observatory recently announced highlights the challenges around PIDs in this space.

ALIA extends its thanks to the ARDC for the opportunity to provide feedback to this important draft strategy, and for the ARDC's provision of a consultation meeting with the opportunity to share our interest and expertise and investigate some components of the strategy in more detail. ALIA would appreciate the opportunity to be further involved in discussions as the roadmap

progresses, especially in relation to non-university organisations and non-traditional research outputs. Any questions or follow-up in relation to this submission can be directed to ALIA's Director of Policy and Education Trish Hepworth, Trish.Hepworth@alia.org.au.