

## **MODELS FOR DATA STORAGE AND SHARING**

CERF funded researchers will need to consider how they will store, manage and deliver data generated from their investigations.

Data and information should be stored, made accessible and delivered by electronic means where appropriate. In most cases, the data generated from CERF funded research will be managed according to one of the following models:

- Data are retained within the electronic information/data storage facilities of the nominated and agreed research institution/s. Research institutions will be responsible for the maintenance of the data holdings and associated metadata in a format that will maximise public access to the information. The CERF Researcher will be responsible for creating and maintaining metadata and, where appropriate, making it electronically available for public discovery, including publication of the metadata in the Australian Spatial Data Directory.
- Data are retained within the electronic information/data storage facilities of the nominated and agreed research institution/s. It will be agreed to maintain the data holdings and associated metadata in a format that will maximise public access to the information. The CERF Researcher will agree to maintain and provide up-to-date metadata to the DEW who will make the metadata available for public discovery.
- Data are provided to the DEW to store within the Department's electronic information/data facilities in a fashion that maximises public access to the information according to the terms of the contract. The CERF Researcher will be responsible for providing up-to-date data and metadata that will be made available for public discovery by DEW.
- Data are provided to a third party organisation (e.g. a museum) to maintain within their electronic information/data storage facilities in a fashion that maximises public access to the information according to the terms of the contract. The Research hub, team or fellow will be responsible for creating and maintaining metadata, and will make it electronically available for public discovery themselves, including publication of the metadata in the Australian Spatial Data Directory, or alternately they will provide up-to-date data and metadata to the third party organisation for publication.