The ARC and Open Access

Professor Aidan Byrne
CEO, Australian Research Council
The tipping point…

• How did we get here?
• What are the guiding principles?
• The ARC new policy
  – Comparisons with NHMRC
  – Consequences
• How do we proceed?
  – Open Data
How did we get here?

- Technology
  - the Google age
- Unsustainable publishing regime
- Researcher demand
  - Increase in volume of research outputs
    - ERA can show this – 38% increase
What are the guiding principles?

- Societal benefit
- Research benefit
- Individual benefit
The ARC Open Access Policy

“the ARC requires that any publications arising from an ARC supported research project must be deposited into an open access institutional repository within a twelve (12) month period from the date of publication.”
How do we proceed?

- Books
- Reward Systems
  - the challenge of the monograph system
  - Impacts – ‘altmetrics’
Open Data

• Principles still hold
  – Societal benefit
  – Research benefit
  – Individual benefit
ARC and Open Access

Professor Aidan Byrne
CEO, Australian Research Council