Open Access
As part of the ERA 2015 submission process, institutions were required to indicate whether a research output submitted to ERA had been made available in an open access repository. Eligible institutions were required to answer ‘yes’ or ‘no’ to this new and mandatory data requirement.

This open access data requirement will give the ARC some insight into the open access publishing trends in eligible institutions. However, open access data did not form part of the evaluation process and was not made available to peer reviewers or Research Evaluation Committees (RECs).

Since the supply of information on open access by institutions was a data requirement for ERA 2015 subsequent to the collection of the research outputs by institutions, in many cases the institutions had to retrospectively answer this question. Institutions were asked to provide as accurate information as was possible. Therefore, the information should be treated with caution and will only form a baseline for more accurate reporting in any future rounds.

PERCENTAGE OF SUBMITTED OUTPUTS IDENTIFIED AS OPEN ACCESS IN ERA 2015

![Percentage of open access reported](image)

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