

**CAUL Strategic Plan
Report to CAUL**

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Section	II. Contribution to Research
Action	5. Continue the development of the Australian Digital Theses Program
Responsibility	ADT Policy Reference Group
Time-line	Ongoing
Activity since last report	<p>ADT-ARIIC: Expansion and Redevelopment Report</p> <p>This project is complete.</p> <p>OAI-PMH harvesting</p> <p>Work is progressing slowly. Issues to be addressed include relaxing the strict checking of XML that the central ADT software undertakes.</p> <p>Research discovery services</p> <p>The Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations successfully harvested records for all digital theses using OAI-PMH in March 2007.</p>
Achievements since last report	<p>Membership</p> <p>There are 40 active members. Three members have become active since the last report: University of Auckland, Auckland University of Technology, and James Cook University of North Queensland.</p> <p>Theses</p> <p>There are 13,356 theses that link to a digital version of the thesis. 10,753 have been contributed directly by members and a further 2,603 have been loaded from the National Bibliographic Database. There are 138,833 records for theses on the database altogether representing those without links to digital theses.</p>
Publicity, reports, publications since last report	

<p>Plan for forthcoming activity</p>	<p>ADT Policy Group</p> <p>An expanded meeting of the ADT Policy Reference Group canvassed the future of the Australian Digital Theses Program (ADTP) with contributors to the service, including the National Library of Australia on Tuesday 20 March 2007. The meeting covered a wide range of issues, ranging from technical considerations to discussions about the future of the ADT Program in the light of developments in institutional repositories.</p> <p>ADT Technical Committee</p> <p>The Technical Committee met on Thursday 1 February. It will recommend to the Policy Group that the PDF Security Settings for ADT be change to unlocked to enhance accessibility for people with disabilities and searchability, and for long-term preservation; and remove the recommendation to use acrobat 6. The survey of members was also discussed.</p>
<p>CAUL budget implications</p>	<p>Ongoing levy to CAUL and CONZUL members</p>
<p>Recommendations to CAUL</p>	<p>Note the report</p>