Current CAIRSS consultancy agreement ends on March 16, 2011.

“The CAIRSS Steering Committee should clarify what value CAIRSS does or could add and options for the future, including an exit strategy. A new CAIRSS model may be different from the current one.”
Why continue a CAIRSS service?

- Feedback from the IR managers (93.1%), and CAUL members (95.6%) strongly support an ongoing role for CAIRSS
- ARC believes that there is an ongoing role for CAIRSS
- NHMRC will require deposit of research publications in a repository
- Too early to cease all services
Why recommend a new agreement to 31 December 2012?

- Survey results indicate that there is still a body of work that can and should be done in 2011 and 2012.
- Survey results identified current services to continue and those that should cease.
- The proposed future CAIRSS service focus is on collaboration and networking around common repository management issues.
- Less technical ‘help’ as is currently provided due to ERA/SEER testing completed and the closure of ADT.
CAIRSS Staffing

- Fund one f/t repository program coordinator – for networking and coordination activities
- Fund one p/t technical officer – common software issues, assisting coordinator with assessment of trends & developments
- Use a consultancy agreement – responsible for project administration as per the agreement, staff management, etc.
- New service model costs approximately $103,647.00 less than the current service
Funding Options

- 83.3% of CAUL members reported that the CAIRSS financial expenditure was a good investment
- Future government funding is not secured
- 72.7% of CAUL members reported willingness to fund a future role and services through a subscription fee
How do we fund future CAIRSS?

- CAIRSS levy of $4,136.00 per CAUL member per year for 2 years*
- Invite CONZUL members to participate
- Seek government funding – if government bodies such as ARC require additional technical support
- *Apply any unexpended CAIRSS budget to future agreement to further reduce CAIRSS levy
Recommendation for discussion

CAIRSS Steering Committee and the CAUL Executive recommend that CAUL approve the recommendation to:

- Adopt Future Option 3 to provide a modified CAIRSS service with each CAUL member paying an annual fee of $4,136.00 per year for two years.
- The service to commence from 17 March 2011 (current consultancy agreement ends 16 March 2011) to the 31 December 2012, with a review in July 2012.
Recommendations

- Apply any unexpended budget remaining at the end of the current agreement to Future Option 3.
- CONZUL be invited to become members of CAIRSS.
- That CAIRSS focus on the recommended directions and issues listed under the Futures section.
- The services listed as continued and cease be approved.
Recommendations

- The 2011-2012 draft budget be approved in principle.
- The CAUL Executive investigates future external funding opportunities.
- A new consultancy agreement be drafted based on the estimated 2011-2012 budget.
- Subject to a revised CAUL committee governance and membership structure, any revisions to the CAIRSS governance structure are implemented after 16 March 2011.
Recommendations

- That any future consultancy agreement ensure transparency and value for money for project management costs and consider improvements to simplify reporting and monitoring and to ensure timely invoicing and payments.
- One CAIRSS budget report be prepared and distributed to the CAIRSS Committee.
- The CAIRSS Committee Chair issue an email update to CAUL members after each CAIRSS Committee meeting.
- A CAIRSS Committee member webpage for committee agendas, minutes and papers be created e.g., CAUL Executive and CEIRC.