AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATABASE COVERAGE SURVEY – JANUARY 2009

CAUL SUMMARY

Access to the Long Tail
The Long Tail . . .

Premises

1. There is economic value in libraries mobilising their collective resources

2. The network environment allows better matching of supply and demand, including

3. Access on demand for legacy collection wherever they are stored
4. System-wide efficiencies require services at the network level, above the level of individual libraries.
By aggregating our resources through Libraries Australia we allow users to go further down the long tail than any single institution can afford.
NBD Survey

- 78% happy with current data contribution mechanism
- 94% plan to make ongoing contributions
- 81% regularly update holdings
- 58% don’t contribute e-resources
- 38% have more than 5,000 monographs that are not recorded in the NBD
Survey Result: Records not on NBD

- Total of 5,514,790 items
  - Monographs 1,482,452
  - Journals 202,455
  - Online 3,302,389

- For 68% of the material not accessible:
  - Records in local systems or
  - Libraries retain card records

- Old records do not meet cataloguing standards
There is an opportunity here to discuss with Libraries Australia how to move forward, how they can help.
Support for NBD contribution

• Cataloguing and data contribution services that support cataloguing workflows
• Work with libraries to convert and load existing data
• Access to WorldCat and other databases
• Contribute vendor data
• Developing support for SRU Update and Harvesting
Contribution and delivery options
Record Import Service
Global Holdings Update
Worldcat cataloguing Partners
Serials Solutions

Under development
SRU
OAI-PMH
Survey Result:
Interlibrary loan policies

- Libraries provide access to all their collections through ILL
  - NO  94%
- Use Libraries Australia Document Delivery Service
  - YES  90%
- Worth a look. Some restrictions are to be expected (e.g. special collections).
Survey Result:
Digitisation of Materials in collections

- **University of Sydney**: Most extensive summary of activities, including SETIS Australian Studies digital collections
- **University of Tasmania**: Digitise archival material, unique holdings, rare material. Target to digitise material in the public domain or with permission to copy.
Collaborating in AUSTLIT’s Australian Children's Literature Digital resources project

Deakin University & QUT

University of Queensland

Q150 project to establish centre on government in Q’ld., includes UQ Press publications
Improved access through Libraries
Australia

Potential of Single Business Discovery Project

– To improve the discovery experience for users by giving them a more integrated search experience

– Deliver a service for the general public and for researchers
User’s search result

• Eight “islands” to explore:
  – Books, journal articles
  – Newspaper articles, 1803-1954
  – Pictures and photos
  – Archived websites
  – Music, sound, video
  – Maps
  – Personal and organisational collections [archives and manuscripts]
  – Biographies
Project progress

- Commenced August 2008
- Prototype will be released April 2009
- Aim to release service Q3 2009
- More information on “Library Labs”
Opportunities

1. At a national level, discuss with Libraries Australia ways forward in adding records for legacy print collections to the NBD

2. At a local institutional level, review how well our ILL policies support the premises of the long tail
3. For CAUL, consider a report/activity to better share our knowledge and understanding of digitisation policies and projects across the sector.