

**CAUL Strategic Plan  
Report to CAUL**

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<b>Section</b>	IV. Collaboration and International Engagement
<b>Action</b>	Ensure CAUL representation on groups seeking to influence regulatory reform, especially in relation to information policy such as: copyright, academic and other networks, higher education, eResearch, funding, etc.
<b>Responsibility</b>	Executive
<b>Time-line</b>	Ongoing
<b>Activity since last report</b>	<p><b>Middleware Action Planning and Strategy Project (MAPS)</b></p> <p>As reported at the April, MAPS has completed its “stocktake” of the middleware within the sector and identified gaps and plans for future development.</p> <p>The Project Officer and Chair finalised the first draft of the Middleware Roadmap in June, 2007. The report was circulated to the CAUL Executive for feedback and amendments were submitted and incorporated in the final report.</p> <p>The report is available at <a href="http://www.middleware.edu.au/roadmap">http://www.middleware.edu.au/roadmap</a></p> <p>A summary of the matters contained in the report that concern the activities of CAUL was presented at the meeting held in Perth in September, 2006 and is therefore not repeated here.</p> <p>A middleware camp and forum was held in June, 2007 coinciding with the release of the report and papers are available at <a href="http://www.eresearch.edu.au/">http://www.eresearch.edu.au/</a></p>
<b>Achievements since last report</b>	Release of Final Report.
<b>Publicity, reports, publications since last report</b>	See <a href="http://www.middleware.edu.au/">http://www.middleware.edu.au/</a>
<b>Plan for forthcoming activity</b>	MAPS will proceed to implement the Australian Access Federation.
<b>CAUL budget implications</b>	Nil
<b>Recommendations to CAUL</b>	To note the report expected to be the final MAPS. Further updates will be provided by the CAUL representative on the Australian Access Federation.