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SAGE Publishing and Council of Australian University Librarians reach new "Read and Publish" agreement

LONDON, UK (12th December 2022) -- SAGE Publishing and the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL), the negotiating body representing universities in Australia and New Zealand), have announced a new Open Access Agreement which will expand publishing opportunities for ANZ researchers. The three year agreement, which begins on the 1st January 2023 and will last through to the 31st December 2025, provides researchers with:

- Unlimited open access publishing rights in SAGE's 900+ hybrid journals.
- A discount on article publishing charges for SAGE's 150+ pure Gold Open Access journals.

Researchers at member institutions will have access to SAGE's vast collection of journals in the social and behavioural sciences, and growing quality STM research portfolio. With the help of SAGE's Open Access Portal, a platform dedicated to supporting OA workflows, authors will benefit from a seamless experience that guides them through licenses and streamlines the OA publication process.

"SAGE is committed to providing accessible publishing routes to open access and in championing social and behavioural science researchers who historically receive less funding than others," says Bob Howard, Executive Vice President: Research Editorial - Journals at SAGE, "We are delighted to announce this agreement with the Council of Australian University Librarians and to support Australian and New Zealand researchers in sharing their crucial work on a global scale."

Angus Cook, Director of Content Procurement, CAUL, said, "Introducing an Open Access Agreement with SAGE is a vital step in ensuring authors from CAUL Member Institutions can publish to a broader array of subject areas. We're looking forward to strengthening the relationship with SAGE and working collaboratively to provide great outcomes for local researchers."

An early driver of OA, SAGE is committed to increasing transparency and accessibility of scientific research so that it has the best chance of creating real-world impact. As an independent publisher, SAGE is free to think long-term in providing sustainable paths to open access. To learn more about SAGE's OA agreements, visit the <u>SAGE Publishing website</u>.

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About the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL)

The Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) is the peak leadership organisation for university libraries in Australia and New Zealand. CAUL members are the University Librarians or equivalent of the 39 institutions that have representation on Universities Australia (UA) and the 8 University Librarians or equivalent of the institutions that have representation on Universities New Zealand (UNZ) and who form the Council of New Zealand University Librarians (CONZUL), a committee of UNZ. CAUL makes a significant contribution to higher education strategy, policy and outcomes through a commitment to a shared purpose: To transform how people experience

knowledge – how it can be discovered, used and shared. CAUL's vision is that society is transformed through the power of research, teaching and learning. University libraries are essential knowledge and information infrastructures that enable student achievement and research excellence

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