

Digital Object Identifiers for Persistent Identification of Research Data in New Zealand

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Initial discussions

University of Auckland, Landcare Research and GNS Science were members of EZID, a California Digital Library service providing Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs)

In 2017 EZID changed its business model and no longer allocate DOIs outside the University of California system

Local discussions began including the Royal Society and MBIE about how DOIs might be managed at a national level within New Zealand (Royal Society already manages the ORCID consortium for New Zealand)

At some stage it was suggested that the National Library be involved in the discussions due to its background in managing national level identification systems (ISBN, ISSN, ISMN, ISNI)

Further discussions resulted in agreement that the National Library would establish and manage a national DOI consortium

Current state

A national consortium for delivering DOIs in New Zealand has been implemented through a national membership of Datacite, a global non-profit organisation providing persistent identifiers (DOIs) for research data

Membership:

University of Auckland, GNS Science, Landcare Research, University of Canterbury and ESR.

A number of discussions underway with other institutions regarding membership.

Discussions also underway with Statistics New Zealand and data.govt.nz re potential for a whole-of-government approach to DOIs

Get in touch with us if you're interested in joining this national DOI consortium – doi@dia.govt.nz