



The Demise of eRSA

eRSA Structure

- Joint venture between three universities
- U of A – smallest of Go8
- Flinders - middle range with history of research
- UniSA – ex Institute of Technology, little research

2007 – The Beginning

- SAPAC morphs into eRSA
- ARCS funding
- Led by U of A physics

2010 – End of ARCS

- ARCS funding finishes
- Appointment of first full-time CEO
- Looking to build commercial capability
- Prospect of large capital funding for infrastructure

2012 – RDSI and NeCTAR

- Full RDSI node
- Nearly full NeCTAR funding
- Each University puts in approx \$ 0.5 million
- \$0.5 million State Government

2012 - State of Research

- NCRIS Research
 - Some TERN
 - Plant Accelerator (Photonics)
 - Larif – National Imaging Facility
- Medical
- Agriculture – Soil Science
- Physics

2015 - Incorporation

- Support RDS and NeCTAR – equipment replacement with help from DELL
- Commercial opportunities on the horizon
- Reduces perception of unfairness
- Encourages State Government Involvement

2014 / 2017 Universities

- U of A purchases HPC
- Other members want re-assurances that eRSA will continue to provide HPC
- Beginning of 2017 U of A mandates that all their researchers will stop using eRSA for HPC

2018 – Decision Time

- Transfer to ARDC
- Commercial opportunities increase - capitalization
- DVC (R)s change – New board of CIOs only
- Decision to close made with no plan
- Proposed merger of U of A and UniSA

2019 - Closure

- Infrastructure role taken over by ITSs
- No provision for research support
- No eRSA people taken on by Universities
- Capital costs to each university
- ARDC ?

Why? They say

- Too expensive
- Commercial work is too risky
- No ARDC funding for SA
- Mary is retiring
- ITSs can do the same

Why? - I say

- Don't understand what we do
- Not willing to fund eResearch appropriately
- Co-operation is too difficult
- Little direction for NCRIS future
- Money is an issue – therefore use funding internally

Future of eResearch in South Australia

- Commercial demand
- Research demand will not easily be satisfied
- Costs too much to do it individually
- eRSA II in three years?