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### **Scopus announced as citation provider for ERA**

Australian Research Council (ARC) Chief Executive Officer, Margaret Sheil, today announced that Scopus will provide citation information for the full Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) initiative.

“Citation analysis is an indicator that will be used to assess research excellence as part of the full ERA initiative,” Professor Sheil said.

“Citation analysis is one of the most widely used bibliometric tools for assessing the impact of scholarly research, and as such, it was crucial that an outstanding and appropriate citation provider be chosen for the full ERA initiative.

“Scopus is recognised as the largest abstract and citation database of research literature.

“As citation provider for ERA, they will help ensure the collection and analysis of citation data for ERA is accurate and not burdensome to universities.

“I welcome this partnership with Elsevier Scopus and acknowledge the strong commitment that they have shown to ERA through their work on the ERA trial and their successful tender for citation provider.”

To find out more about ERA visit [www.arc.gov.au/era/default.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/era/default.htm)

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