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Is the original record king?
A National Archives of Australia digital initiative

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Your story, our history
Introduction
Digital Transformation Agenda

• E-government and the digital economy
  o By 2017 every Government interaction occurring more than 50,000 times a year will be available online and via mobile devices
Digital Transition to Digital Continuity

- Digital Transition Policy (2011)
  - Records created digitally from 1 Jan 2016 will be accepted in digital format only

  - 3 principles
  - GRA 31 revised → 1980
Digitisation program

- Commenced 2001
  - On demand & proactive
  - Digital preservation
- > 4.4% digitised
- Primary form of access
Scope

Applies to records which are:

• in the Archives custody
• in any format
• of any age

Excludes:

• legislative reasons for retention
• records with intrinsic value
Intrinsic value

• Physical characteristics
  o Artistic, cultural or aesthetic value
  o Exhibition potential
  o Obsolete formats, rare or original objects
  o Unique or curious physical features
  o Questionable authenticity
Intrinsic value

• Intellectual characteristics
  o General or substantial public interest
  o Primary establishment document
  o Highest level of policy
  o Significance or value to an individual as evidence of their ancestry or heritage
Policy requirements

• Trusted Digital Repository
• Agreed digitisation standard
• Digital record and access master
• Digitised at series level
• Fully described
Disposal options

- Return to controlling agency
- Transfer custody to a third party
- Donate the records to an appropriate institution
- Relocate
- Destroy
Benefits

- Leadership
- Storage
- Access
- Preservation
- Business efficiency
Implementation

• Policy published January 2016
• > 90 km suitable
• Prioritisation
  o Access
  o Condition
  o Re-use
  o Demand
Next steps

• Implement next 12-18 months
• Additional measures?
• Finland legislation
• Other countries?
Original record?
Questions?