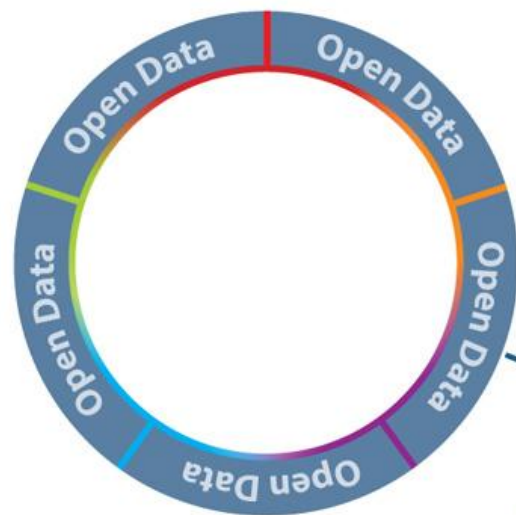Action Plan to Advance

Open Data

What is Open Data?

The South Australian Government is the custodian of a diverse range of useful government data. Releasing this data enables us to make better connections so that we can create shared value.

When data is made available freely for commercial and other reuse we unlock opportunities in our community and economy. Open data has the potential to empower citizens with information, advance research and enable improved investment decisions in our State.

Adelaide has a thriving entrepreneur community and data is an important asset that the government can provide to support new services and emerging innovative businesses.

Open data has the power to deliver data that was previously held by one agency across the government to advance how we do business, lower the cost of service delivery and improve policy decisions.

Purpose of the Action Plan

Open data requires a new way to think about data and how it is used. Activities will demonstrate the value of open data and build open data capabilities to support this change.
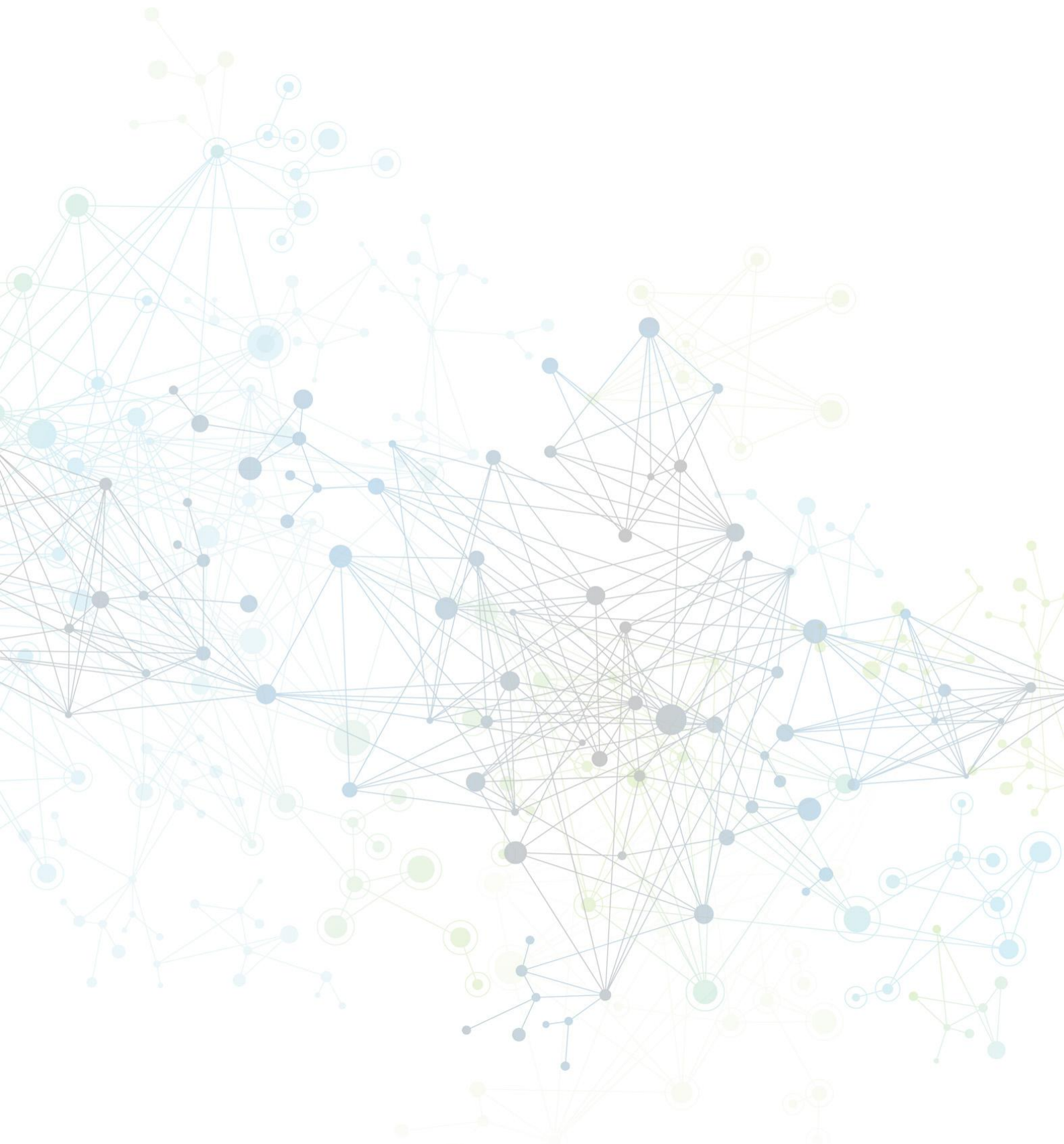
We are committed to developing a culture that supports the release of government held data and encourages commitment to open data principles.

The Action Plan includes the development of Policies and tools to assist agencies to provide useable and valuable data to the community, whilst upholding the highest standards in privacy, security and integrity in respect to the data we hold.

Opportunities are provided for Local Government, industry, the community and entrepreneurs to collaborate, participate and build on shared knowledge and connections to improve open data outcomes across South Australia.

Activities	Activities Explained	Timeframe 2013 / 2014	2014 / 2015
Open Data Declaration	On 4 September 2013, the Premier released a declaration of open data. This declaration commits the government to proactively release data.		
data.sa	On 4 September 2013, data.sa the South Australian Government data web portal was launched at www.data.sa.gov.au. Currently 230 datasets have been released and openly licensed for reuse and more will be available as the Action Plan is implemented.		
Valuable Data Community Conversation	We will have a conversation with the community, digital innovators, entrepreneurs and industry; to help identify potential high value datasets that will support a digital economy and business growth. Outcomes will help shape agency open data plans and will be shared with the Local Government Association and interested councils so that we can create mutual value from the engagement. This community engagement exercise will commence on 21 November 2013 through http://saplan.org.au/yoursay		
Unleashed 2013 Premier's Award SocialActive	The award was co-sponsored by Deloitte Digital, Chiliad Consulting and the Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO). Social Active is an exciting new social web application that uses open data to help South Australians connect with fun activities, sports, and events in our community. The SocialActive website will launch in December 2013.		
Open Data Principles	Open data principles are a key element that will form the policy direction for open data. Principles will be developed in consideration of international good practice, SA Connected and through consultation with various industry groups.		
Open Data Roundtable	A roundtable discussion forum, including members of the newly-formed ICT Liaison Group, to discuss the industry and wider economic impact of open data in South Australia.		
Open Data Advocates	Each agency will have an Open Data Advocate responsible for encouraging and facilitating the public release of data from within their agency.		

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data.sa New Features	The data.sa web portal will incorporate new features that the digital community suggested will improve user experience. Government agencies will be able to publish their own data which will improve data release timeframes. Visualisation capabilities are also being explored to improve the community experience accessing and using public data.		
Open Data Forums	The Office of the CIO will establish a regular Open Data Forum where the South Australian Government can share information, activities and projects relating to open data. The forum will seek to build knowledge, skills and capabilities to advance open data in South Australia. Interested councils are also invited to participate.		
Open Data Toolkit	The Office of the CIO will publish material that will form an Open Data Toolkit designed to assist agencies to discover, classify and publish data using open data standards.		
Data Release	Each agency will apply information learnt from the Open Data Toolkit to assist them to release open data. This activity will provide practical experience identify and classifying data for release before agencies develop their open data strategies and implementation plans. Agencies are encouraged to release open data by 1 June 2014 as a contribution towards Unleashed 2014.		
Community of Practitioners	The Office of the CIO is building a community of practitioners who can provide guidance, support and partnership in activities that advance open data. The Open Knowledge Foundation, South Australian Ambassadors will also provide advice and partnership in activities.		
New Unleashed Challenge	Local technology companies and digital entrepreneurs will be challenged to develop a resource to help parents minimise their children's exposure to simulated gambling risks. A challenge will be modelled on the successful Unleashed open data initiative that demonstrated the amazing talent and innovation of our digital community.		
Agency Open Data Project	Each agency and agencies operating as an independent business from their lead agency will be encouraged to establish an open data project that will either: • establish a proactive data stream from systems; • release data that investment or policy decisions are based on; • release data that demonstrates the governments performance; or • engage the developer community in open data plans. This activity will build technical capabilities before agencies develop their open data strategies and implementation plans.		
Unleashed Open data competition	The South Australian Government will once again challenge the community to put their skills to the test and create new and innovative solutions with government data in Unleashed 2014. Local councils, industry, researchers and community groups are also encouraged to contribute data and participate through sponsorship. Unleashed will be held on 11-13 July 2014.		
Open Data Day	An Annual Open Data Day will be a government celebration of open data. Government will showcase agency open data projects, case studies and other initiatives that are advancing open data. The community is also invited to display their skills, ideas and commercial products that use open data. Interested councils are also invited to participate.		
Agency Open Data Strategies	Each agency will develop an open data strategy and implementation plan that will include specific actions with reporting on progress. The Office of the CIO will develop a guide to creating an open data strategy, reporting and implementation tools for use by agencies.		