

## **TPRS Network Review – Outcomes and New Model**

### **The Trove Partners Resource Sharing service**

Trove Partners Resource Sharing, or TPRS, is a national service that offers an accessible and equitable service to support borrowing and lending between organisations to make national collections to Australian researchers across the nation. TPRS is one of many services available to libraries to support their resource sharing needs.

The TPRS service aligns with principles as outlined in the Inter-Library Resource Sharing or ILRS code which (together with the ALIA Best Practice Guidelines) is designed to support a multi-faceted approach to resource sharing based on reciprocity, cooperation and fairness between libraries, respect for the moral and intellectual rights of creators and publishers and compliance with legal and contractual obligations of resource sharing ([ALIA Australian Interlibrary Resource Sharing Code](#)).

### **The TPRS network review**

From November 2025 – March 2025, the National Library conducted a review to understand how Trove Partners are using the TPRS service. The review process included analysis of system data, consolidation of Partner feedback, and stakeholder consultation.

The findings of the review put forward a set of recommendations to improve Partner experience of the service. The following steps were recommended:

- Streamline the service and reduce the number of networks from 42 to 15 with a focus on geographical location and library specialty networks.
- Introduce participation criteria for each network. Partners will be allocated to networks based on the criteria of geographic location and their specialist category (i.e. Public Libraries).
- Continue to allow Trove Partners to set network preferences, i.e. whether the rota searches geographical or speciality first before moving on to the National network last.
- Establish a single national network for the Pay for Peer pool in which allocations of requests are prioritised based only on load balancing.

## The new TPRS networks model

The new TPRS networks model simplifies and streamlines the networks to support an efficient service with included geographic parameters to support faster supply with reduced postage costs. The model introduces clear parameters of network participation based on geographic location and sector/specialty.

In the new TPRS networks model TPRS Partners are allocated to networks based on geographic location and library specialty or sector. In addition, Partners are automatically allocated to national networks for each pool they participate in, including Reciprocal and/or Pay for Peer.

Partners can choose their preference order for geographical and specialty networks to determine how the rota moves through the networks, just as they do now.

### New Model Networks

Reciprocal			Pay for Peer
Geographical	Specialty	National	National
New South Wales	National Public	Reciprocal	Pay for Peer
Queensland	National Law		
Australian Capital Territory	National Academic & Research		
Tasmania	National Government & Arts		
Victoria	National Health		
South Australia			
Western Australia			
Northern Territory			

## Scenarios

The following scenarios provide examples of how the new TPRS network model would work in practice.

### Scenario 1

A Victorian University Library participating in the Reciprocal and Pay for Peer Pools would be automatically allocated to the Victoria network and the National Academic & Research network, they would also be allocated to the Reciprocal National network and the Pay for Peer National network.

If they select their preference order to be Specialty first, followed by Geographical, the rota would look at National Academic and Research first, followed by Victoria and finally Reciprocal National, before moving on to the Pay for Peer National network if desired. Requests can also be commenced in the Pay for Peer National network as needed.

Reciprocal			Pay for Peer
Victoria (Preference 2)	National Academic & Research (Preference 1)	National Reciprocal	National

### Scenario 2

A public library in NSW who has opted to only participate in the Reciprocal pool would be automatically allocated to the New South Wales network and to the National Public network.

If they select their preference order to be Geographical first, followed by Specialty, the rota would first look at NSW, followed by National Public before moving on to the reciprocal national network.

Reciprocal		
New South Wales (Preference 1)	National Public (Preference 2)	National Reciprocal

### Scenario 3

An organisation who has elected to only participate in Pay for Peer, no matter where they are located, will only have one network preference. A Pay for Peer library will be allocated to the Pay for Peer National network which includes all libraries who have nominated to participate in Pay for Peer, with all request allocations prioritised based on the system load balancing feature.

Pay for Peer
National

## Timeline

The table below outlines the timeline for implementation of the new model. We encourage you to discuss the proposed changes with your teams and submit your questions via the dedicated [TPRS network review question form](#) by close of business Friday 24 May so they can be responded to at the TPRS network review Q&A session on Tuesday 28 May.

The timeline below outlines the steps to implement the network changes from 1 July 2026.

Date	Activity
21 – 24 April 2026	Consider the model and submit your questions
22 April 2026	TPRS review information distributed to TPRS registered Partners via email
28 April 2026	TPRS network review dedicated Q&A webinar
29 April	Information outlining the proposed changes to your networks and options to submit preferences emailed to TPRS organisational and Primary contacts
15 May 2026	Last day for Partners to submit network preferences for 1 July implementation
1 July 2026	New networks operational in TPRS and former networks are retired

## Next steps

On 29 April your organisation will receive an email explaining the networks in the new model. Reciprocal pool participants will be allocated to their relevant geographical and specialty networks in the Reciprocal pool, with preferences set at state first, specialty second. You will automatically be allocated to the national networks for Reciprocal and/or Pay for Peer based on your participation choices.

We ask you to review this information and confirm any updates to the preference order for geographical and specialty networks **by close of business 15 May 2026** to ensure your preferences are live in the system on the go live date.

From **1 July 2026** your preferences will be active in the system when we go live with the new networks structure.

If you are happy with the automatic preference order, or are participating only in Pay for Peer, you don't need to do anything further.

If you have unique resource sharing legislative requirements that you would like to discuss with us please reach out via [Trove Partner Support](#) and we can explore available options.

## **Pay for Peer pool**

Please note there is a nominal annual fee to participate in the pay for peer pool. For those seeking to participate in the pay for peer pool in 2026-27, this fee will be charged from 1 July for the 2026-27 financial year and included in your annual invoice. If you would like to change your registration to include or exclude Pay for Peer in the 2026-27 financial year, please use the [TPRS Account Update form](#) to let us know by the end of May 2026. Applications to vary your registration received after this time will be processed as soon as possible.