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New Digital Archives Test System for Western Australia

Western Australia will take a leap into the future with the development of a new Digital Archive for the State Government through the State Records Office.

Acting Director General of the Department of Culture and the Arts, Allanah Lucas said the State Records Office of Western Australia and iVEC would cooperate to develop a pilot Digital Archive for Western Australia.

“This pilot project will contribute to the future planning for the archiving of digital objects that have been created by government since the 1970s.

“This will include electronically stored records created by State Government agencies - records such as word processed office documents, spreadsheets, databases, websites and emails,” Ms Lucas said.

The State Records Office has entered into partnership with iVEC, a hub of advanced computing in WA, and a joint venture between CSIRO, the University of Western Australia, Curtin University of Technology, Murdoch University and Central TAFE. iVEC is supported by the Western Australian Government.

Ms Lucas said that by utilising iVEC’s resources and incorporating open source software, the State Records Office would be entering a new stage of development towards a Digital Archive for WA.

“iVec have welcomed the opportunity to make their high performance computing and large-scale storage at Technology Park Bentley available to the State Records Office so that the new system can be tested and further developed.”

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