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Dear Mr Macks

I am writing on behalf of the Australian Geoscience Council regarding some of the assets formally held by the Australian Mineral Foundation. We are particularly concerned about the future of the Data Metallogenica collection, the Australian Earth Sciences Information System, and the AMF library. These are essentially national facilities and if at all possible each should remain intact, when they are eventually moved to new homes.

I understand that there are plans for ownership of the Data Metallogenica collection to be transferred to AMIRA, under the terms of the original agreement to conserve and develop that collection, and that there are plans for the AESIS to be transferred to Geoscience Australia. However, I have not been able to discover what plans are in place for the AMF library. I am therefore writing to request any information you can provide on the future of Data Metallogenica and the AESIS, and what plans are in place for the library.

Our view is that the library should remain as a complete entity, if at all possible. However, if this cannot be arranged, because of duplicate holdings or other reasons, then a public statement should be made to indicate the new whereabouts of the library's holdings. If it is not possible to keep the library holdings together, then the knowledge of where the material has been gone should be available.

I hope you can provide some information on these issues.

Yours sincerely

David Denham
President