**Database breakout discussion notes:**

*"Following are notes from a CARMA 7 break-out session, and as such reflect the group ideas and participation and are meant to help CARMA set priorities".*

Data has different meanings

Metadata

Management strategies **– sharing solutions**

**Should CARMA be a data holder or data sharer:**

* Perhaps both
* Need to categorize and prioritize info/data by type (e.g. spatial
  + What is urgent?
  + What is contentious?
  + E.g. “land use”, fires
* Worries
  + Misuse (e.g. Environmental groups, interpretation)
  + Loss

**Centralized or decentralized (distributed)**

* Based on categories on data
* Some areas need central
  + E.g. climate data
  + Opportunity to automate
* Some will stay de-centralized

**What members can do?**

* Promote data that can be shared
* Provide input on what data should be centralized (variables)
* Help to prioritize
* Identify layers for free access
* Support shared access to data for Portals
* Provide lists of publications for sharing
* Share management strategies

**Next steps**

* Recognize capacity issues (human, financial)
* Focal point
* Metadata beyond Polar Data catalogue
  + A second level
  + Searchability
* Reviewing data policy
* Publication database
* Promote data policy