Table of Changes — Platform Terms & Conditions v26.10

Posted 27 October 2026, as advance notice of the changes below in accordance with the amendment clause in Section A of the Platform Terms & Conditions.

Changes that materially affect how your data, intellectual property or agreed methodology is used take effect from **1 December 2026**, giving you advance notice. All other changes — clarifications and drafting fixes — take effect immediately on posting.

What counts as a "material" change? A change is material only if it genuinely alters what a Member can rely on — taking away an existing right, imposing a new restriction or obligation, or creating a real financial or legal consequence. A change that clarifies an already-existing position, narrows the Platform Provider's or Administrator's own discretion in a Member's favour, expands what a Member is permitted to do, or corrects drafting, numbering or formatting, is **non-material** — even though it touches on data, IP or methodology — because nothing is taken away from the Member and no new burden is created. Only a material change on this test needs the notice period to 1 December 2026; everything else takes effect immediately.

For the full Terms & Conditions, see the Platform Terms and Conditions v26.10 document, available from the Help Centre.

Change	What this means for you	Implications	Effective
Amendment notice	Material changes to data, IP or methodology use now come with reasonable advance notice, not immediate effect (security/legal emergencies excepted).	**Material change.** This is the protection itself — it changes the process every future change goes through, so a reasonable Member would want notice of it.	1 December 2026
Regional data-access consent	Where a jurisdiction's data is held through its own regional Platform Provider (e.g. ACT data via Volunteering and Contact ACT), a Member outside that region now needs that regional Provider's consent to access it.	**Non-material change.** This writes down a regional split that already existed in practice; it doesn't take anything away from Members who weren't already crossing that boundary, and formalises rather than changes the current arrangement.	Immediate (27 October 2026)
Data custodianship on exit	A coordinating body's own data stays in the Community Information Exchange, accessible to the organisations that entered it, even after that body's membership ends — no deletion on its instruction alone.	**Material change.** Previously silent, so this creates a genuine new protection (and removes a genuine risk) for every organisation whose data sits inside a sector dataset coordinated by someone else.	1 December 2026
Data ownership / operating licence	New line confirms owning your data and the Administrator holding an operating licence over it are two separate things that coexist.	**Non-material change.** Clarifies, rather than changes, the existing position — reduces the risk of a dispute over who "owns" data where the Administrator also has rights to use it.	Immediate (27 October 2026)
Export and reuse	Members, including coordinating bodies, may export and reuse their own submitted data, with attribution required for anything published externally.	**Non-material change.** This only grants a new permission; it doesn't take anything away or impose a new burden, so there's nothing a Member needs advance notice to prepare for.	Immediate (27 October 2026)
Narrower emergency powers & SLA location	The Platform's without-notice right to modify or discontinue services is now limited to security, data-breach and legal/regulatory situations, and can't reach a jointly-governed dataset's methodology; SLA figures now sit in each Member's own Membership Agreement or Offer Document.	**Non-material change.** Both parts narrow the Administrator's own power or simply point to where the figures already live — neither removes anything from a Member or imposes a new obligation on one.	Immediate (27 October 2026)
Narrower data-ownership claim	The Administrator's ownership is now limited to analytics, benchmarking and other derived material — not the underlying data a Member submitted.	**Non-material change.** Narrows the Administrator's own claim in the Member's favour; it gives Members more certainty, not less, so there's no new burden to give notice of.	Immediate (27 October 2026)
Editorial discretion boundary	Confirmed that editorial discretion covers individual listing content only, not a jointly-governed dataset's methodology.	**Non-material change.** Narrows the Administrator's own discretion rather than restricting a Member — protective, not burdensome.	Immediate (27 October 2026)
Termination notice	Now tied expressly to the end of the agreement period.	**Material change.** Affects a Member's actual ability to exit — it closes a reading that notice alone could end a membership mid-term, which is a real change to a Member's practical options.	1 December 2026
Order of precedence	These Terms & Conditions now expressly prevail over any Bilateral Agreement, Governance Framework or Membership Agreement.	**Material change.** A genuine legal-hierarchy change with real consequences in a dispute, for any Member with its own Bilateral Agreement or Governance Framework.	1 December 2026
Referral Network	Moved out of these Terms & Conditions into its own standalone document. No change for general Members; Referral Network participants will be notified separately when that document is issued.	**Non-material change for general Members; material change for Referral Network participants.** Nothing changes for a Member who isn't in the Referral Network; those who are should expect a separate document.	Immediate (27 October 2026) for general Members
Numbering, cross-reference and drafting clean-ups	Formatting and cross-reference fixes throughout Section C — no change to meaning.	**Non-material change.** No practical impact — corrects numbering and cross-references so the document reads consistently; the underlying obligations are unchanged.	Immediate (27 October 2026)