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Call for Comment/Input on

## THE DRAFT DATA AND CLOUD POLICY

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The Draft Data and Cloud Policy has been published by the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies – see attached. Written submissions are being received until 18 May 2021. The draft policy expressly addresses, amongst others, data produced during **academic research** and the **ownership** of such data. To date, there has been much discussion about the Draft Policy, with many concerns raised about the provisions for government to co-own data produced in South Africa.

The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) is aiming at a joint submission with the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC). You are urged to send in any comments/inputs for the submission to Susan Veldsman ([susan@assaf.org.za](mailto:susan@assaf.org.za)) **by the morning of 17 May 2021**. Please note that the deadline is extremely tight, so sending references and full documents is **not** as helpful **as pulling out the relevant sections and providing analysis on the Draft Policy**.



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