OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION
- Caveats
- CLDs used by Agora
- Use of CLDs by Agora (Current / Future)
- Importance for JISC of Agora work / Lessons learned

CAVEATS FOR PRESENTATION
- DP not involved in CLD formulation
- CLD theory not strong suit of DP
- Assuming some knowledge of Agora Project by attendees

CLD USED BY AGORA
- RIDING / MLO / Agora CLDs
- Using VDX as base system

USE OF CLDS BY AGORA
Philosophy / Architecture
- CLDs at the heart of Agora concept of multiple resource discovery & use
  - Used to provide guide to the aggregation of resources into ‘landscapes’ and as a guide to the resources themselves
  - Some limits to use as ‘aggregator-searcher’ as only one attribute at a time searchable at moment
  - Linked to target / database information in VDX – no CLD, no resource for searching
  - CLDs themselves held within VDX
Numbers & Type
- Approximately 50 CLDs in the system at moment; all resources in system at moment are those agreed to between all Associates
- Resources include catalogues, gateways, commercial databases, other media (e.g. ELISE/HELIX)
Content & Input
- CLD content very limited at moment – CLDs input in simple form just to get resource searchable
- No standardization of content – content determined by DP
- Input of content all done by Agora Project staff save for Library Associate ‘home resources’
• FUTURE OF CLDS WITHIN AGORA
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  - New work on CLDs appear to move away from RIDING / MLO / Agora schema – FDI not following the Agora schema
  - Agora sticking with the RIDING schema as the important thing within the Agora Project is to test the use of the CLD concept, not to agree on a specific schema

• IMPORTANCE / LESSONS LEARNED
  - Important for JISC because this is a realworld implementation in a very wide context (much wider & more diverse array of resources than Clumps)
  - Lesson #1 – ensure that succession planning is in place – FDI not following up Agora schema – this limits utility & development of Agora
  - Lesson #2 – critical to involve content providers – keeps Project staff sane (updating issue!)