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The fall's gonna kill you!

Sensitivity matters

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Agenda

- The Quote
- The Issue
- The Way Forward

The Quote

- Butch and Sundance (on cliff above the river)
 - Butch: What's the matter with you?
 - Sundance: I can't swim.
 - Butch: Are you crazy? The fall will probably kill you.

- Archivist, The Movie (Imagined)
 - Depositor: What's the problem?
 - Archivist: I don't understand Digital Preservation.
 - Depositor: Are you crazy? We have to do Sensitivity Review first.



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The Issue

- Digital Sensitivity Review
 - Volume – lots more digital – too much to read!
 - Complexity – Digital is complex and interlinked
 - Risk – Digital is more discoverable
- Easier to close as a precaution
- A Threat to
 - Accountability, Transparency and the Rule of Law

The way Forward

- Understand Sensitivity
 - Much trickier than it sounds
 - Context is King!
- Understand the shape of Digital records
 - What is actually being held where?
- Understand risks
 - Measure and manage (remove the guesswork)
- Risk based Review Method
- Decision Support Tools

Questions?