

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee  
Cc: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary  
From: Elisa Sze, Education and Orientation Officer  
Subject: Formal response to RSC/ExtentWG/2025/5 – Proposal for Manifestation: extent of embodied content and its subtype elements

**Recommendation 1: Create the element Manifestation: extent of embodied content.**

I approve in principle the creation of Manifestation: extent of embodied content, but would like to hear from other RSC members and stakeholders (such as those represented by OLAC) before making a decision around some of the element subtypes outlined later in this proposal.

**Recommendation 2.1: Delete Manifestation: configuration of playback channels and replace it with two new elements, Manifestation: designation of number of sound channels and Manifestation: number of sound channels.**

I am deferring my decision on Recommendation 2.1 until there has been a discussion among RSC. I would like to hear from ORDAC and NARDAC given that LC-PCC Policy Statements and NLNZ Policy Statements exist for Manifestation: configuration of playback channels. (For instance, LC-PCC marks this element as “core” for sound recordings “when applicable”.) I would also like to know whether OLAC has weighed in on this recommendation.

**Recommendation 2.2: Separate from Manifestation: configuration of playback channels the element Manifestation: designation of number of sound channels, retaining it as a subtype of Manifestation: sound characteristic. Associate the vocabulary encoding scheme RDA Configuration of Playback Channels with this element, carrying forward the applicable instructions from Manifestation: configuration of playback channels. Add Manifestation: designation of number of sound channels as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of embodied content.**

I am deferring my decision. See my response to Recommendation 2.1.

**Recommendation 2.3: Separate from Manifestation: configuration of playback channels the element Manifestation: number of sound channels, retaining it as a subtype of Manifestation: sound characteristic. Add Manifestation: number of sound channels as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of embodied content.**

I am deferring my decision. See my response to Recommendation 2.1.

**Recommendation 3: For the current element Manifestation: resolution replace the element reference label “resolution” with “image resolution”. Add Manifestation: image resolution as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of embodied content.**

I approve.

**Recommendation 4: Add Manifestation: reduction ratio as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of embodied content.**

I approve.

**Recommendation 5: Add Manifestation: reduction ratio designation as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of embodied content.**

I approve.

**Recommendation 6: Create the new element Manifestation: dimensions of embodied content. Add Manifestation: dimensions of embodied content as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of embodied content.**

I approve.

**Recommendation 7: Create a new vocabulary encoding scheme RDA Layout Unit of Embodied Content.**

I am deferring my decision on Recommendations 7.1-7.4 until there has been a discussion among RSC. It is unclear from the proposal how “layout unit” will be defined, or how the proposed VES: RDA Layout Unit of Embodied Content will differ in usage from VES: RDA Layout ([https://access.rdata toolkit.org/VES/VES?externalId=en-US\\_rdaves\\_RDA\\_Layout](https://access.rdata toolkit.org/VES/VES?externalId=en-US_rdaves_RDA_Layout)).

**Recommendation 7.1: column – update definition**

**Recommendation 7.2: frame – new term**

**Recommendation 7.3: line – new term**

**Recommendation 7.4: page – update definition**