

## **OzFlux Fair Use Data Policy**

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### **Acknowledgement and Citation text:**

OzFlux suggests the following text be placed in the acknowledgement section:

“This work used eddy covariance data collected by the TERN-OzFlux facility. OzFlux would like to acknowledge the financial support of the Australian Federal Government via the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Scheme and the Education Investment Fund.”

OzFlux requests a citation that follows the example given below be placed in the references section for each data set used:

van Gorsel, E. and Leuning, R., 2011. Tumbarumba data set for 2001 to 2011; Level 4, CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research, accessed 20/2/2013 at <http://ozflux.its.monash.edu.au/ecosystem/home>, [DOI:XX.XXXX/YYYYYYY]

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