## New committee to tackle copyright issues

of the Copyright Act 1968 proposed and with copyright issues under discussion — especially in relation to information available in digital form — ALIA has an important role in ensuring that its members remain informed about these issues as they will impact upon their service to clients.

At its July meeting, General Council endorsed the establishment of a copyright

committee to monitor public policy and legislative developments, draft discussion papers and submissions to inquiries as required, liaise with other related organisations on copyright matters, act as an advocate for desired copyright outcomes and inform and advise members about copyright matters.

The General Councillor with portfolio for copyright will convene the committee. In 1996 this is Craig Grimison.



Members of the new committee (L-R) Craig Grimison (convenor), Roslyn Membrey, Virginia Walsh, Kerry Smith, Marie Murphy and Helen Tait

Other members of the committee are Helen Tait, Kerry Smith, Roslynn Membrey, who is also a member of the Board of Education, and the executive director or her delegate.

Recently ALIA has accepted an invitation from ACLIS to take a seat on their Libraries Copyright Committee. This will enhance ALIA's opportunities for liaison with other organisations on copyright issues. Craig Grimison will represent the Association on the ACLIS Libraries Copyright Committee.

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