

WHAT'S NEW:

COPYRIGHT

Submissions to the Inquiry into Copyright and the Digital Economy are now available online.

ALIA's Copyright wiki had 34 responses from members to our call for feedback about the inquiry. They came from public libraries, school libraries, information professionals in special libraries, students, and others concerned about the possible implications of new legislation.

We sent your responses to the Australian Libraries Copyright Council, to inform its submission, and we prepared our own, allied submission, with the Australian Law Librarians' Association (ALLA).

One response, which spoke for many, was:

"The way library and archive exceptions are drafted, it's like public interest activities are being treated with suspicion. The legitimate use is begrudgingly defined as restrictively as possible, and loaded with terms and conditions that are difficult for staff to understand, let alone follow efficiently! Exceptions should be drafted so as to facilitate a legitimate use of content, not impose unnecessary, or abstract, restrictions."

Submissions:

<http://www.alia.org.au/advocacy/submissions/ADA.ALCC.CopyRevSub.pdf>

<http://www.alia.org.au/advocacy/submissions/ALIA.submission.to.ALRC.pdf>

<http://www.alrc.gov.au/inquiries/copyright-and-digital-economy/submissions-received-alrc> (280 submissions)

The Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) will call for a second round of submissions when it releases a discussion paper. It will make a final report by 30 November 2013.

Australian Digital Alliance (ADA) Forum – 'Embracing the Digital Economy'

This forum considers Australia's copyright framework in the context of the ALRC's Inquiry into Copyright and the Digital Economy. The ADA forum will be at the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra on 1 March 2013. If you are interested in attending, the costs are ADA members \$60, non-members \$200. ALIA is able to sponsor one interested member at the forum at the ADA member rate. Please contact us if you are interested by emailing copyright@alia.org.au.

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February Courses

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We first ran a variation of this course in 2012 in support of the National Year of Reading campaign. It was wildly popular so we've decided to run it again!

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PD points: 30

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