

A valuable service to members

ALIA's copyright service



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1999 was a busy year for the ALIA copyright service. With the merger of ALIA and ACLIS, ALIA took the responsibility for providing copyright services targeted to the needs of all members. The service has proved very popular. Some of the features of the service include:

Lobbying on copyright law reform issues

ALIA has been following the development of the *Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Bill 1999* since its proposal, providing information for members and lobbying for the library and information sector's point of view. ALIA played an important role in persuading the LACA Committee to remove the definition of library from the *Digital Agenda Bill*. ALIA helped members to effectively lobby their local federal member and key ministers and shadow ministers to remove the definition of library.

Copyright advice

We are happy to provide general information to members in response to queries which are relevant to the library and information sector. ALIA has received hundreds of queries from members on a range of copyright issues. Copyright queries can be sent to the copyright officer, Rosemarie Sebastian-Pillai by fax (02 6282 2249), e-mail (copyright@alia.org.au) or by telephone (1800 020 071).

ALIA copyright FAQs

ALIA provides a convenient FAQ service which answers frequently asked copyright questions. The FAQs provide clear and practical advice on copyright issues relevant to document delivery, licensing and the internet. ALIA receives more than 800 requests a month for the Copyright FAQ information sheets.

Some topics covered in the series are:

- Good-faith notices;
- Copying legislation and court judgements;
- The library's role in ensuring copyright compliance;
- Copying contents pages from current journals;
- Copying/downloading from the internet;
- Use of internet material for document supply;
- Back-up copies of audio-visual material;
- The binding force of copyright notices;
- Lending CD-ROMs or diskettes;
- 'Reasonable time' and 'ordinary commercial price';

- Copying 'out-of-print' works;
- Copying for 'preservation';
- Definition of 'library' under the *Copyright Act 1968*;
- Scanning newspaper articles;
- Copyright licensing; and
- Digitising works no longer protected by copyright.

The FAQs are available via the ALIANet copyright web pages (<http://www.alia.org.au/copyright/faqs/>) and in hard-copy from the ALIA national office, fax 02 6282 2249, e-mail copyright@alia.org.au.

inCite articles

Since the start of the service in January 1999, we have featured copyright articles in eleven issues of *inCite*. Articles have covered issues such as crown copyright, the digital agenda reforms; electronic transactions act; making collections available on the internet, and conference and copyright committee reports.

The copyright articles published in *inCite* are also available at <http://www.alia.org.au/incite/>.

ALIANet copyright pages

To assist in providing a timely service to members, copyright material can be found on the copyright pages of ALIANet [<http://www.alia.org.au/copyright/>]. Included on the site is information about copyright law reform, policy issues affecting the sector, regularly updated 'copyright news', a handy copyright links page which includes links to Australian and international copyright agencies and information, as well as links to *inCite* articles dealing with copyright.

The ALIANet copyright pages received over 4000 hits in March 2000 alone.

New Digital Agenda page on ALIANet

[<http://www.alia.org.au/copyright/digital.agenda/>]

Check out our new digital agenda pages for all the latest ALIA and library sector news on the *Digital Agenda Bill 1999* including the ALIA copyright information sheets, copyright articles in *inCite*, links to the *Digital Agenda Bill* and the LACA Committee's Advisory Report, submissions to government and parliamentary inquiries, letters to members and senators and a list of addresses of politicians to contact to lobby for change.

Please contact Rosemarie Sebastian-Pillai at the ALIA National Office on 1800 020 071 or copyright@alia.org.au for more information about ALIA's copyright service and the *Digital Agenda Bill 1999*. ■

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