

## **ISAA Submission to the Australian Law Reform Commission's inquiry into Copyright and the Digital Economy**

Independent scholars who do not have access to electronic data bases through adjunct appointments with universities are particularly likely to be affected by the Commission's recommendations. This submission will not go over ground covered in ISAA's previous submission (ISAA Inc, *Submission 149*) except to point out that universities are seeking 'to reduce the number of adjuncts because the cost of database access [is] dependent on the number of staff' (ISAA member, Queensland).

As previously stated 'ISAA requests that the ALRC takes into consideration the needs of independent public scholars who do not have access to specialised academic library support when conducting their research when considering access to electronically published material'. ISAA therefore supports the ALRC's proposal 4-1 that 'the *Copyright Act 1968* should provide a broad, flexible exception for fair use.

- With reference to The Case for Fair Use in Australia ISAA endorses the proposals.
- With reference to Proposal 11-7 ISAA expresses concern at © which proposes to limit the time during which the copy of the work can be accessed. Scholars undertaking long term historical projects sometimes require access to a particular work over a long period of time.

Yours faithfully,



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