

Submission on Fair Use

I am writing with regard to the Issues Paper on “Fair Use and Other Copyright Exceptions: An examination of fair use, fair dealing and other exceptions in the Digital Age” prepared by the Attorney-General.

First, I offer my congratulations to the Attorney-General on the preparation of such a balanced and comprehensive issues paper. We did not feel there were any other issues that could have been canvassed.

The Attorney-General asked for submissions on the paper by 1 July 2005. While we have read the paper and consulted with our members and other interested parties, we feel no need to offer a separate submission. Instead, we endorse and recommend the submission prepared by the Australian Copyright Council. The views expressed there are very much in line with those of the Australian Society of Authors.

We thank the Attorney-General for the opportunity to comment on the Issues Paper and we look forward to hearing further on the matter.

Yours sincerely

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