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This submission is made on behalf of the TAFE Libraries Australia.

TAFE Libraries Australia is a peak national library group for libraries servicing the vocational education and training sector.

TAFE Libraries Australia represents the largest public providers of practical, relevant and quality education and training in Australia. In 2003 there were 79 Institutes around Australia delivering vocational education and training courses to 1.3 million students.

TAFE Libraries Australia represents VET provider library associations or networks Australia wide. Membership consists of one representative from each state and territory and representation from NCVET. TAFE Libraries Australia has the endorsement of TAFE bodies in each state and reports annually to TAFE Directors Australia.

TAFE libraries access the following resource types and provide the following services:

- books and journal
- online and CD-ROM full-text journal databases
- CDs, DVDs, videos and other audiovisual material
- access to the internet for study and assignments
- training sessions on information literacy skills, basic and advanced internet skills
- access to computers with the software packages used for TAFE courses
- lists of recommended websites for TAFE studies and other recommended resources
- study facilities
- photocopying / printing / scanning services
- online library and information services via campus and TAFE websites

TAFE Libraries Australia supports the submission made by the Copyright Advisory Group to the Schools Resourcing Taskforce of the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs.

Understanding the terms of reference

TAFE Libraries Australia would like to provide further information on Article 17.4.7(e)(vii) which allows the Committee to recommend the following types of uses to be made as exceptions:

“non-infringing uses of a work, performance, or phonogram in particular class of works, performances, or phonograms, when an actual or likely adverse impact on those non-infringing uses is credibly demonstrated in a legislative or administrative review or proceeding; provided that any such review or proceeding is conducted at least once every four years from the date of conclusion of such review or proceedings.”

When considering whether to introduce any new exceptions, the Terms of Reference permit the Committee to examine:

- the activities of libraries, archives and other cultural institutions
- the activities of educational and research institutions
- the use of databases by researchers (in particular those contemplated by recommendation 28.3 of the Australian Law Reform Commission report on Gene Patenting)
- activities conducted by or on behalf of people with disabilities
- activities of open source software developers and; activities conducted in relation to regional coding of digital technologies.

TAFE Libraries Australia requests that the Committee considers exceptions for TAFE

Under s49: Reproducing and communicating works for: users for research and study (user requests)

Under s50: For other libraries or archives (inter library copying for document supply)

Under ss51A and 110B: Reproducing/communicating works for preservations and other purposes.

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