



Hi, I am an Australian citizen and an IT industry worker, I am very concerned over the changes to Australia's Intellectual property laws, especially in regards to the adoption by Australia of American style DMCA laws. DMCA has been abused many times in america recently to crush the American concept of fair use, since we in Australia do not officially recognize fair use I thought it'd be important to point out that the ACCC has been very proactive in defending the rights of Australian citizens to bypass region protection on DVD players to allow playback of DVDs from around the world on home user's DVD players. Under the American DMCA circumvention of DVD region codes is ILLEGAL. This will undoubtedly cause a practice which under Australian law, and even the Australian court system has been legal upto now. It will also mean that the use of programs like DVDCSS which is used to bypass dvd encryption allowing playback of DVDs under the LINUX operating system will also become illegal, now considering that over 50% of Australian businesses now use Linux, that's a heck of a lot of people who will be severely inconvenienced by these changes to the law. Indeed even the Australian Defence Force, is now using linux and it's members will be hampered by restrictions imposed by the new laws. There is currently a monopoly on Computing around the world, that monopoly is held by Microsoft Corporation, an American company, under the DMCA and an adopted US patent system, Microsoft's monopoly will be enforced as it will be able to kill off interoperability efforts by rival companies within Australia. This will lead to the loss of jobs for IT workers trying to provide interoperability with Microsoft products as has been shown in the US with several DMCA claims being made which have stopped interoperability projects under the guise of stopping copy protection circumvention.