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LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

INQUIRY INTO THE COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004

Background

On 6 December 2004, the Senate referred the Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill 2004 (the Bill) to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 December 2004.

The Bill makes additional changes to the Copyright Act 1968 (Copyright Act), following changes to Australian copyright law made in the US Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act 2004 (USFTAI Act).

Conduct of the inquiry

The Committee conducted a public hearing on the 6 December 2004 at Parliament House in Canberra. Details of witnesses who attended the hearing to give evidence are listed at Attachment 1.

Given the short timeframe for reporting, the Committee has not had the opportunity to properly consider the issues raised in the inquiry. The Committee presents the proof Hansard transcript of the public hearing, to assist the Senate in its consideration of the Bill. Also presented are answers to questions taken on notice at the hearing, and documents tabled at the hearing (listed at Attachment 2).

Senator Nigel Scullion

Chair (for the purposes of the inquiry into the Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill 2004)

ATTACHMENT 1
WITNESSES WHO APPEARED
BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Canberra, Monday 6 December 2004

Internet Industry Association

Ms Carolyn Hough - Representative

Mr David McCulloch - Representative

Australian Digital Alliance

Ms Sarah Waladan, Executive Office (also representing the Australian Libraries Copyright Committee)

Australian Film and Industry Coalition

Interactive Entertainment Association of Australia

Mr Geoff Brennan, Advisor (with Gavin Anderson Consulting)

Attorney General's Department

Ms Helen Daniels, Assistant Secretary, Copyright Law Branch, Information Law and Human Rights Division

Ms Gabrielle Mackey, Principal Legal Officer, Copyright Law Branch, Information Law and Human Rights Division

Mr Barton Hoyle, Acting Senior Legal Officer

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Mr Bruce Gosper, First Assistant Secretary, Office of Trade Negotiation

Ms Virginia Greville, Assistant Secretary, Trade Commitments Branch

Mr Paul Myler, Director, FTA Commitments and Implementation Section

ATTACHMENT 2

DOCUMENTS TABLED AT HEARING

ISP Liability and the Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill Act 2004 slide show printout from Internet Industry Association

List of Consultees from the Attorney General's Department.