

DUTY STATEMENT

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Position Number : 847

Classification : Copyright Adviser
Division : Corporate Services Division
Branch : Executive Support Branch

Local Title : Copyright Adviser

Security Assessment : Not assessed

DUTIES

The position is a joint specified term engagement supporting the activities of the Australian Digital Alliance and the Australian Libraries Copyright Committee.

The Australian Digital Alliance (ADA) is a coalition of public and private sector interests, formed to promote balanced copyright law, and provide an effective voice for a public interest perspective in copyright debate and reform. Members of the Alliance are united by the common theme that copyright legislation must provide a balance between strong protection of copyright and reasonable and equitable access to information.

The Australian Libraries Copyright Committee (ALCC) is the main consultative body and policy forum for the discussion of copyright issues affecting Australian libraries. It develops policy and advocates action appropriate for the role of libraries as information providers and preservers in Australia.

The position is located in the National Library of Australia, which provides in kind support for overheads, communication, accommodation. The appointee is responsible to the Chair of the Board of the Australian Digital Alliance, and to the Chair of the Australian Libraries Copyright Committee, for the discharge of duties for each body.

The successful applicant will be responsible for:

- researching issues involving information regulation, copyright, software management and decompilation issues where these are affected by intellectual property law on behalf on the members of the ADA and the ALCC.
- providing regular information to the membership of both organisations on copyright and other forms of information regulation.
- liaison with the staff of appropriate Ministers and government departments, in particular the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy and the Attorney General's Department, on issues relating to information regulation and copyright.
- monitoring of progress of proposed changes to Commonwealth copyright legislation, and any other relevant legislation and regulation.
- coordinating, recording and supporting Committee and Board meetings, public forums and similar activities.
- development and implementation of media and publicity activities, including advocacy and presentations at appropriate forums.
- provision of support to the respective organisations on a 50/50 proportional basis.
- liaison with allied national and international interests.

The specified term position will be available for 18 months in the first instance, subject to renewal and annual review of salary.

Duty representing highest function : 1

Immediate supervisor : Senior Executive Level 1 (PN 853)

SELECTION CRITERIA

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The selection criteria for the position are:

- A completed Law degree.
- Demonstrated understanding of, and capacity to develop expertise in copyright law and information regulation policy within the information economy.
- The ability to research, synthesise and write.
- Strong and confident communication skills, not only for written work as listed above, but also in discussion, advocacy, and presentation.
- A demonstrated interest in the issues affecting copyright law advice and reform.
- Computer literacy.
- The capacity to work autonomously, and to develop systematic communication. This is important in maintaining information flows for the two organisations, and supporting their administrative operations with the chairs of the ADA and the ALCC, who are not based in Canberra.
- Willingness to travel.

Division Head Approval _____ Date _____