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## PREFACE

The Copyright Law Review Committee was established in 1983 to consider and report to the Attorney-General on specific copyright matters referred to it from time to time.

The Committee presently consists of the Chairman, Mr Justice I.F. Sheppard, President of the Copyright Tribunal, Mr Peter Banki, Solicitor, Phillips Fox, Mr Brett Cottle, Managing Director, Australian Mechanical Copyright Owners Society, Mr Chris Creswell, Attorney-General's Department, Mr Derek Fielding, University of Queensland Librarian, Mr Michael Frankel, Solicitor, Michael Frankel and Co.

Solicitors, Professor Dennis Pearce, Commonwealth Ombudsman and Mr Bob Rodgers, Superintendent Audio-Visual, Western Australian Department of Education.

Mr David Walsh, Solicitor, Mallesons Stephen Jaques, a member of the Committee since its formation resigned in May to head his firm's office in Hong Kong. Mr Ian Govey, Attorney-General's Department, also left the Committee this year to become Counsellor (Legal) at the Australian Embassy in Washington.

Members of the Committee were appointed in their personal capacity, having regard to their background, to ensure a balance of relevant interests.

The Committee has been asked to consider six references and has now completed and forwarded to the Attorney-General its report on five of these. As well as this report on the importation provisions of the Copyright Act, the Committee has completed references on performers' protection, the meaning of publication in the Copyright Act, church use of copyright materials and moral rights. The outstanding reference on which the Committee is presently working is the remedy of conversion damages provided for in section 116 of the Act.

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