
EFA Year in Review 2019

& looking forward to the next 25
years



**Electronic
Frontiers**
AUSTRALIA


To the board - thank you!



Your board members show up month after month, and as an operational board they do the work to keep the organisation going. Thank you to all of them for their time, experience and dedication. Each and everyone has made an impact.

- Lyndsey Jackson - Chair
- Peter Tonoli - Vice Chair
- Shaun Haddrill - Treasurer
- Michelle Meares - Acting Secretary
- Justin Warren
- Dr Liz Williams
- Eliza Sorensen
- Steve King
- Liam Pomfret (Resigned 19/04/2019)
- Yassmin Abdel-Magied (Resigned 5/06/2019)

Summary of EFA submissions



8/03/2019	Artificial Intelligence: Governance and Leadership White Paper
31/05/2019	Artificial Intelligence: Australia's Ethics Framework
1/07/2019	Review of the amendments made by the Telecommunications and other Legislation Amendment (Assistance and Access) Act 2018
15/07/2019	Review of the mandatory data retention regime
02/08/2019	Freedom of the press
27/09/2019	Review of the Identity-matching Services Bill 2019 and the Australian Passports Amendment (Identity-matching Services) Bill 2019
19/11/2019	Copyright Amendment Bill
08/11/2019	Australia's 2020 Cyber Security Strategy
13/11/2019	INSLM Review of the Telecommunications and other Legislation Amendment (Assistance & Access) Act 2018 (TOLA Act)



Made possible by our policy team

A special mention to **Angus Murray our Policy Chair** - who always goes above and beyond and works so hard to produce great outcomes and support the team.

Also a special mention to **Jess Virgona our Policy Coordinator** - who has done an excellent job of keeping things organised and the team informed

Thank you to everyone who participated, created content, commented, and showed up

Next changes: to introduce Confluence & supporting strategies to improve shared policy and document creation - led by Steve King



Key Campaign Focus

- Assistance and Access Bill
- Election campaign & collaboration
- Facial recognition
- Data and data sharing
- Robodebt
- Rebuilding Internet Governance - NetThing

The Parliamentary committee rejecting the facial recognition bill was an important and positive step that the message is getting through

Tech In Society - Voice Matters

By Electronic Frontiers Australia

Campaign Completed on
19-05-2019



\$13,980

Raised of \$10,000



Let's send a message to Canberra that the new government will need to take digital rights seriously for a change.

👤 Electronic Frontiers Australia 📍 Adelaide, South Australia, Australia

Donations Closed

Rebuilding Internet Community Governance



EFA Board members Lyndsey Jackson & Peter Tonoli

Part of steering committee for 18 months

Coordinating panels, volunteering & bringing multistakeholder groups together

EFA as a central player in the supporting this community led effort

NetThing event in Sydney



Media

It's been a busy year for media - [check out our list on the website](#) - there is a bit more that happens in smaller publications and community radio

We've been in The Australian, ABC Radio, ZDnet, Gizmodo, BuzzFeed & Innovation Aus, ITWire to name a few.

Key topics have been on encryption, facial recognition, surveillance, social media, and data sharing.



...used by law enforcement to identify you, and by local government and even private agencies to check if they are dealing with the correct person.

Many will overlook the benefits of these technologies, such as

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DHS cares little for the privacy of Australians

BRIEFING

Federal police raid home of Australian journalist who revealed government's proposal to spy on the public

BUSINESS INSIDER RESEARCH



How digitalisation drove sustainability and financial performance for Norwegian energy giant Equinor



Board & policy member activity

- Participation on security hypotheticals
- Participation on various round tables
- Press club cyber security workshop
- Various event and speaking arrangements
- Event participation eg PyCon
- International IGF participation by Peter Tonoli & Eliza Sorensen
- NSW Law Society/NSW Bar Association/Data Sharing Roundtable

- Many things that we have forgotten



Partnerships & Community Building

- Australian Internet Governance community - Internet Australia, AuDA, APNIC, Linux Australia
- Digital Rights Watch
- AccessNow
- Thoughtworks
- International community relations - meetings, co signatories where appropriate

Sponsored & Supported

- Eliza Sorensen to attend the Berlin IGF
- Kids Securi Day
- Aaron Swartz Day

Thank yous



We have a lot of people to be thankful to. A lot of people provide support and information generously. Of special mention however:

Erin Farley - Erin managed campaign coordination for the pre election campaign we supported her through Digital Rights Watch. This was a fantastic success and she was excellent.

Amy Gray - provided journalist support during the election campaign, creating content and articles and strategic relationships with publications

Nicola Nye - from Fastmail Nicola has provided key strategic advice on corporate sponsorship management and marketing that we are feeding to to the tactical actions we will work through with the new board. Also Happy 20th Birthday Fastmail

Zoe Sorenson came on as a project based intern as part of her studies through Belinda Barnet from Swinburne University of Technology. Taking on Twitter for a fixed period and putting together some tactical strategy documentation. We look forward to welcoming future students interested in working with EFA.



Membership

- Total members: 504
- Net loss of 3.5% members - which is something we will work on

Supporters



A range of corporate and individual sponsors.
Particularly during and since the election campaign



Serversaurus



LATERAL PLAINS Pty Ltd



Operational things we changed:

Improving information sharing: Introduction of Topic Box for policy team and board conversations

Improving member management: Membership database move to a service provider, updates and server migration

Improving policy team output: reincorporation of team, new structure, and volunteer coordinator



Strategic Plan

Being tabled today.

A living document. This version should spark discussion and seek a mandate from the members at the AGM to undertake these strategic activities



Long-term Goals

1. Growing a broad-based membership.
2. Increasing awareness of digital rights.
3. Increasing protections for digital rights enshrined in law.
4. Increasing evidence of effective protection of digital rights.
5. Increasing access to beneficial, rights-preserving technologies.



Short-Term Priorities

1. Building community awareness and support for digital rights.
2. Reconstitute as a national organisation.



We will need input & expertise from you

The new board will work on the actions and tactics that will form the operational direction.

This will involve feedback and increased engagement with you to share the organisation and the work we do over the next 25 years (ok maybe next 1-2 years).



Thank you

From the entire board.