



EFA Year in Review 2021



**Electronic
Frontiers**
AUSTRALIA



After a difficult year in 2020

We continue to be standing, a testament to the care, community, and loyalty we have all built towards one another, the public, and the purpose of preserving digital rights. Thank you to the board, members, and the community.

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.

- Lyndsey Jackson - Chair
- Rita McIlwraith - Vice Chair
- Michelle Meares - Secretary (Resigned 15/06/2021)
- Amy Patterson - Secretary (Appointed 17/08/2021)
- Justin Warren - Treasurer
- Richard Prangell (Resigned 16/10/2021)
- Matt Watt
- Kathryn Gledhill-Tucker
- Grant Orchard (Appointed 17/08/2021)
- Alison Kershaw (Appointed 17/08/2021)
- Carley Tonoli (Resigned 20/04/2021)



4 years as Chair

- Thank you to everyone who has kept working towards making EFA strong and relevant and vocal
- [insert: reflective anecdote about personal meaning to be Chair and the support and impact. Also well wishes for the future and excitement towards the board going forward and what has been built]
- [insert: humorous joke about the poor person who inherits the Chair mailbox]

Summary of EFA submissions



11/2021	Basic Online Safety Expectations consultation
09/2021	Restricted Access Systems consultation
08/2021	Surveillance Legislation Amendment (Identify and Disrupt) Bill 2020
08/2021	Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019
07/2021	Digital Identity Submission
04/2021	Data Availability and Transparency Senate inquiry
03/2021	Data Sharing and Transparency Bill
03/2021	Senate Online Safety Bill inquiry
02/2021	Surveillance Legislation Amendment (Identify and Disrupt) Bill 2020 Review
02/2021	Productivity Commission on Right to Repair Submission
01/2021	Treasury Laws Amendment (News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code) Bill 2020



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.

In September Angus stood down as Policy Chair to pursue other priorities - however he continues to be a part of the EFA family and to support our submissions and provide guidance.



EFA Talks

Started in 2020, the series continues in 2021, driven by Rita McIlwraith and Angus Murray. We thank them for their energy and dedication in driving the Talks series in 2021.

This has been an important initiative that has allowed us to keep providing events, creating discourse, and encouraging new people to become involved with digital rights and EFA.

We thank everyone that has been a part of supporting the events and it's promotion.

Thank you to Thoughtworks for running the online event logistics and recording the sessions.



EFA Talks:

- Surveillance Capitalism: Tech For Evil
- Neoliberalism, the Life World and the Psychopathic Corporation
- Stepping Stones to Dystopia
- with Dr Monique Mann - Government Hacking Powers and Policing
- Immunity Passport and Digital Rights
- EFA Talks with Malcolm Crompton and Nijole Naujokas - The many dimensions of Mass Surveillance

Thank you to all our supporters and guests.

NetThing 2021 - 4 & 5 November



NetThing 2021 Day 1 Livestream

Online in 2021

Thank you to Rita McIlwraith for driving EFA's participation and leading the coordination of two panels:



Media - update 2021

It's been a busy year for media - [check out our list on the website](#). Electronic Frontiers Australia appeared in the following radio, print and digital media outlets:

- The Guardian
- Canberra Times
- ABC
- Innovation Australia
- Information Age
- New York Post
- Bloomberg

[Pause to thank our Media and Communication Specialist **Laura Woods**]

Membership

- Whilst we had new members joining the organisation, we saw a decline in annual membership total due to low renewal rates - down 10%
- Between October - November 2021, we have offered our annual memberships at 50% rate. Resulting in a significant increase in the number of members joining the organisation, or renewing previously lapsed memberships.

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Strategic Plan & 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.



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

Lyndsey Jackson, EFA Chair 2017-2021

On behalf of the entire board.