ELECTRONIC FRONTIERS AUSTRALIA

BOARD MANDATE - THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Board Resolution

The Board of Electronic Frontiers Australia resolved on Monday 11th February 2019 to reconstitute the Policy Committee (as this Committee has been known from time to time). The Board will, by expression of interest and subsequent appointment by the Board, appoint ordinary members of Electronic Frontiers Australia Inc to be Policy Committee Members (or experts, as Policy Committee Advisory Members). The Board may appoint a Chair of the Policy Committee to assist with its operation and a Board Liaison Officer to the Policy Committee.

The Board mandates that the Policy Committee will engage in the following activities:

1. Documenting the policy positions of EFA.
2. Providing a forum for discussion of proposed changes to the policy positions of EFA, and facilitating agreement on proposed changes to be made or not made, as appropriate.
3. Identifying legislative changes relevant to digital rights and make submissions in response to same.
4. Creating blog and website content relevant to digital rights.
5. Supporting the objects of the organisation, by engaging in projects and events that serve:
   a. To protect and promote the civil liberties of users of computer based communications systems and of those affected by their use.
   b. To advocate the amendment of laws and regulations in Australia and elsewhere which restrict free speech and unfettered access to information.
   c. To educate the community at large about the social, political, and civil liberties issues involved in the use of computer based communications systems.
   d. To support, encourage and advise on the development and use of computer based communication systems, and related innovations.
   e. To research and advise on the application of the law (both current and proposed) to computer based communication systems and related technologies.

Induction Pack for Policy Members

1. <u>History of EFA and Policy Committee</u>

   Electronic Frontiers Australia Inc. (EFA) is a non-profit national organisation that has been promoting and protecting digital rights and liberties in Australia since it was established in January 1994.

   The Policy Committee is an expression of EFA's commitment to ensuring inclusive and consensus-based policy creation. The Policy Committee exists by mandate of EFA's Board and comprises individuals who have a keen interest in protecting and promoting digital rights for Australians. The Policy Committee has a diverse membership from all aspects of society.

   The Board accepts expressions of interest from all EFA members, who are willing and able to volunteer their time to draft and formulate submissions on legislative reform, publications regarding digital rights in Australia and supporting the [objects of EFA](#) on a consistent and ongoing basis.

2. <u>Summary of Policy Positions (A *Working Document*)</u>

   See [here](#).

3. <u>Function of the Policy Team</u>

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4. Expectations of the Policy Committee

The Policy Committee will operate in a respectful and collaborative manner, with observation and adherence to:

1. The Volunteer Guidelines located ([here](#)); and

2. The Chatham House Rule ([here](#)).

5. Who to Contact

The Chair of the Policy Committee (Angus Murray) or the Board Liaison Officer (Peter Tonoli).