



Libraries and Copyright in the Digital Environment

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**Libraries PRESERVE and
GIVE ACCESS to
knowledge to promote
PERSONAL and SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

Preservation:

Making copies of works to ensure they survive for future generations

Copying:

Allowing researchers, students and others to make copies for non-commercial purposes

Lending:

Allow users to take works away to read in their own time

Document Supply/Inter-library Loan:

Supply a work to a user in another library for private study or research purposes



In an increasingly digital world, libraries too have digitised

Digitisation, and born-digital heritage

E-Lending

Digital copying

Digital document supply

Photos: Public Domain, Manchester Central Library



Digitisation and Internationalisation: Challenges

Uncertainty about how laws work in a digital age

Digital locks prevent enjoyment of copyright exceptions

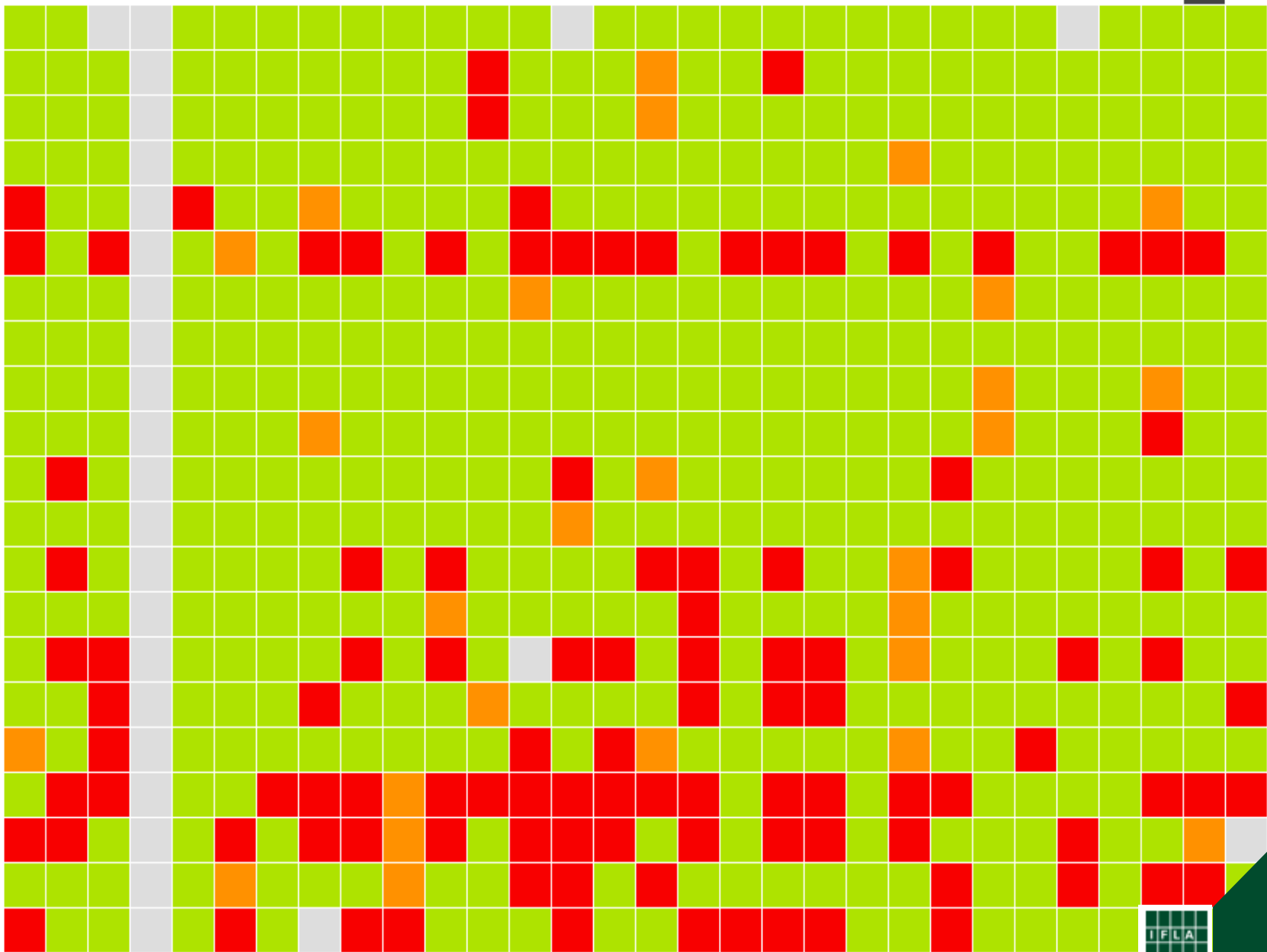
Override by contract terms

Lack of clarity over international uses

Inconsistency between national laws



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■ Implemented
■ Partly Implemented
■ Not Implemented
■ Unknown



Australian Copyright reform

The Bill amends provisions in the Copyright Act 1968 (Act) to:

- harmonise and modernise the preservation exceptions for copyright material in libraries, archives and key cultural institutions
- set new standard terms of protection for published and unpublished materials and for Crown copyright in original materials

Australian Copyright reform

The Act provides libraries with a harmonised and modern piece of legislation, that is

- flexible
- simple, to the point and don't include unnecessary specificity that will lead to restrictions, and
- provides principle-based and less prescriptive approach to copyright law for libraries in Australia

Australian Copyright reform

While the amendments provide important first steps towards a copyright system that is fit for purpose in the digital age, it does not fix all of the problems faced by Australian libraries.

Significant copyright reform issues Australian libraries would like addressed include...

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- the introduction of fair use style copyright exceptions as recommended by the Australian Law Reform Commission and supported by the Productivity Commission and Australian Library and Information Association
- expansion of safe harbour provisions to include education and libraries

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Crews Studies

Eleven themes:

- Preservation
- Reproduction
- Lending
- Legal Deposit
- Parallel Importation
- Cross-Border Access
- Orphan and Out of Commerce Works
- Limitations on Liability
- Contract Override
- Technological Protection Measures
- Translation

But what objective?

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