

Making copyright management easier for government

A new level of copyright management in government-related bodies is now on offer with the introduction of CAL's GovCopy Licence.

The GovCopy Licence has been specifically tailored to accommodate the needs of government-related bodies that are not Crown bodies or that copy outside the services of the Crown, and therefore are unable to rely on the statutory government licence.

CAL CEO Jim Alexander said the GovCopy Licence presented new opportunities for members and licensees. "Government-related bodies now have a new means of meeting their copying needs and obligations, and members' works are finding their way into a new licensing realm and avenue for fair payment."

The licence was born out of collaboration with the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS), which sought CAL's advice on ways in which agencies like themselves would be able to conveniently use third-party copyright material whilst effectively managing risk and copyright compliance.

AGS became the first organisation to sign up to the new GovCopy Licence on 29 June this year.

As a Commonwealth government business enterprise, AGS was unable to rely on the statutory government licence. The GovCopy Licence now provides AGS with the ability to use both hardcopy and digital copyright works in the delivery of their legal services.

Of the licence, AGS CEO Rayne de Gruchy says "The GovCopy Licence enables use of third-party published copyright works – in particular photocopying, electronic storage and communications which we use for our legal business and client legal work. We were pleased to

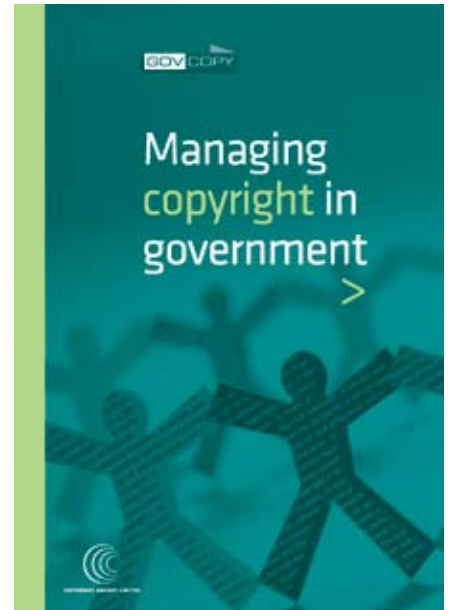
work with CAL to obtain a licence that supports our compliance with copyright law, policy and practice within the Commonwealth."

GovCopy provides quasi-government bodies such as the AGS with the freedom to photocopy, print, fax and scan material, as well as emailing and displaying material on internal networks within certain limits.

GovCopy does not license the use of members' works in any new or contrary ways to other CAL licences; rather it extends CAL's Licence Schemes to government-related bodies in Australia.

If you as a CAL member have already provided permission for CAL to include your works in CAL's New Media and Commercial Reproduction Licence Schemes, then no further paper work is required for your participation in GovCopy. If you haven't already signed up to these licence schemes and would like to, please contact CAL's Membership Department for assistance.

For more information on the GovCopy Licence, please visit the CAL website www.copyright.com.au or email us at government@copyright.com.au



The Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) is the first quasi-government body to use the new GovCopy Licence. Pictured at the signing are (from left): Norm Holcroft (Corporate Secretary, AGS); Phillip Stabile (Account Manager, Government, CAL); Cheryl Brickell (National Library Manager, AGS); Noela L'Estrange (Director Legal Practice Support, AGS); Jim Alexander (CEO, CAL) and Rayne de Gruchy (CEO, AGS)