

GOVERNMENT

COPYING AND COMMUNICATION OF NEWSPAPER CLIPS

The Statutory Government Licence (SGL) is designed to allow government departments and agencies to use copyright materials for the services of the Crown. This is conditional upon certain reporting requirements covered under sections 183(4) and (5) of the *Copyright Act*, including notifying and coming to terms with copyright owners. The Copyright Agency Limited (CAL) is the declared collecting society for government copies and administers the SGL. CAL removes the burden to negotiate separate agreements with individual copyright owners every time copyright material is used by government departments and agencies who subscribe to the agreement.

In relation to newspaper clip activity, many departments and agencies have direct licensing agreements with press clipping suppliers, such as Media Monitors, AAP and MRG. CAL currently provides three types of press clipping licences made available through press clipping suppliers, namely:

- Photocopying – the reproduction of newspaper articles by press clipping suppliers for the delivery to customers;
- Scan to Fax – the conversion of newspaper articles into a digital format for delivery by facsimile to customers; and
- Copy and Communicate – the conversion of newspaper articles into a digital format for deliver by digital means to customers.

These licences are granted by Copyco, which represents major newspaper publishers. For the purposes of the licensing agreement, CAL is the agent of Copyco.

There are some activities that are not covered through a direct licence via a press clipping service:

- Print copying of clips – making multiple copies of press clips;
- Digital copying of clips – the conversion of newspaper articles into a digital format;
- Electronic archiving beyond 90 days.

These activities may be covered under the terms of CAL's copying licences (refer to individual Commercial and State & Territory agreements to check cover and reporting requirements).

NEWSPAPER CLIP ACTIVITY COVERED VIA A PRESS CLIPPING SERVICE LICENCE

