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Support for Internet Society of Australia (ISOC-AU)

Thank you for your ongoing support of ISOC-AU, and we look forward to your continued participation through membership for 2010-2011.

This year (2009-2010) has been a busy and fruitful year for ISOC-AU, both in Australia and internationally.

One of our main areas of focus in Australia again this year has been the Government's policy on the National Broadband Network (NBN). We made submissions to Senate Select Committee on the National Broadband Network arguing that the NBN must provide high quality and speed, be affordable and accessible to all Australians and provided in a competitive environment that will give Internet users genuine choice of service and service provider. ISOC-AU President Tony Hill gave evidence to the Senate Committee on our submissions. We also held joint forums with the Australian Telecommunications Users Group in the mainland capital cities to discuss the proposed NBN from a user perspective and gain user feedback for our submissions.

IPv6 has been one of ISOC-AU's long standing and important areas of interest. We held a very successful IPv6 Summit in October last year (the fifth annual Summit we have held on this issue) and will be holding our sixth annual summit of IPv6 on 18-20 October in Melbourne, with a strong line up of international and national speakers. This year's Summit is: IPv6? You're Standing In It!

We have also been involved on Internet content issues. In the last half of 2009, we participated in meetings with the Australian Computer Society on cyber-security, with a particular focus on the Government's proposed mandatory blocking of RC material. We are now also participating in the 'Safer Internet Group' with Yahoo, Google, Inspire, ALIA, SAGE and others. Again, the emphasis of the group is to counter the Government's proposed mandatory blocking policy with policies that emphasise better parent and children education, giving families appropriate tools to make their own choices about Internet use, and continued cooperation with law enforcement agencies.

Cyber-security has been another area of focus through our involvement with the Government's cyber-security awareness week, and through our participation in the IIA's development of a Code on Practice for Internet Service Providers on cyber-security.

We have been involved with domain name issues, both through Director membership on the auDA board and through membership of the Community Domains Stakeholders Group. In addition, we are participating in the auDA policy panel on 2LDs. We were also part of an ICANN group considering recommendations to the ICANN Generic Names Supporting Organisation (GNSO) on possible amendments to the Registrar Accreditation Agreement.

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Finally, we have continued our involvement with telecommunications issues through participation in the Office of the Privacy Commissioner's meetings with consumer groups and through our involvement with other user groups including the telecommunications consumer peak body, the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN) and the Australian Telecommunications Users Group. We also participated in the ACMA's Consumer Consultative Forum.

We are also involved in international forums, including one of our Directors as Chair of the ICANN At Large Advisory Committee, through our participation in IGF meetings, and through our participation in ISOC activities. We are very pleased that one of our Directors, Narelle Clark, has been elected to the ISOC Board of Trustees.

We hosted two events of particular note. The first, together with CSIRO, was a presentation by Fred Baker, former IETF Chair, Member of the ISOC Board of Trustees and now Visiting Fellow with Cisco systems. We were also pleased to host, together with Maddocks, a reception for iiNet CEO Michael Malone that, serendipitously, was on the evening the Federal Court judgment on the iiNet case was handed down. It was a particularly festive event.

The coming year promises to be as active. As mentioned, our IPv6 Summit in October will bring together a range of speakers, with their emphasis on IPv6 implementation. We will be continuing our involvement on cyber-security issues through finalisation of the IIA e-security Code, and through continued participation in Government cyber-security awareness activities. Clearly, the discussion and debates on the NBN will continue, as will our participation in those discussions. The more general issues, including privacy, Internet content and consumer protection will also be a continuing area of our focus and activity.

Reports of our activities and submissions we have made are available on our website (www.isoc-au.org.au) and we encourage all of our members and sponsors to participate in our ongoing activities.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support.

Tony Hill
President