

'Re-use of Government Works'

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Professor Anne Fitzgerald and Neale Hooper will discuss developments in providing access to public sector information (PSI) in Australia, in the context of developments in international policy and practice and recent Australian inquiries (including the 2008 Review of the National Innovation System and the Victorian Parliamentary inquiry). As well as discussing emerging principles for reuse of PSI, they will consider developments in the licensing of PSI, including the kind of restrictions traditionally imposed on reuse, and recent work on licensing models that support reuse. In particular, they will consider the use of Creative Commons (CC) licences to support reuse of government materials. Case studies will include the Queensland Government's Government Information Licensing Framework (GILF) Project, the Australian Bureau of Statistics' adoption of CC licences for statistical data downloaded from the ABS website, and recommendations of the UK Power of Information Taskforce.