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Mr Shane Simpson AM
Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act Review
Ministry for the Arts
Attorney-General's Department
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Dear Mr Simpson

I am writing on behalf of the 5000 Members of the Australian Library and Information Association in response to your Review of the Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act 1986.

While our membership covers public, school, academic and special libraries, the majority of items held in heritage collections come under the National, State and Territory Libraries. We have conferred with colleagues in this sector and support the National and State Libraries of Australasia response to this review – welcoming a new model, broadly supporting the definitions, principles and approach, while seeking further consideration of some of the detail in the Position Paper.

We have also discussed the review with the Australian Society of Archivists and support the comments contained in the ASA's response, particularly those relating to born-digital archives.

If we can be of any assistance in the further development of a model for the Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage, we will be pleased to be involved.

Kind regards

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