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## THE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION AGENDA



## QUESTIONS FOR POLITICAL PARTIES

1. Will you pursue the reform of the Copyright Act as a priority for the first term of the new government?
2. Will you consider introducing legislation in favour of open access for government-funded research?
3. Will you include responsibility for managing the Commonwealth Government's relationship with public libraries in a Minister's portfolio?
4. Will you renew government engagement in book industry discussions and, if negotiations with international publishers falter, will you consider government intervention to assist libraries to lend ebooks?
5. Will you develop a national policy for the digitisation of priority Australian content?
6. Will you endorse the aspirational goal of a qualified library professional in every school?
7. Will you introduce a nationwide early literacy initiative?
8. Will your Ministers insist on well-resourced library and information services run by qualified library professionals for their departments?
9. Will you endorse library and information science as a valued profession, akin to accountancy, engineering, health and other professions requiring practitioner registration?

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