



Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT LIBRARIES INFORMATION NETWORK (herein after called AGLIN)

and

AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION (herein after called ALIA)

The governing bodies of AGLIN and ALIA acknowledge the importance of working together to meet the professional and representational needs of Australia's government libraries and information services and those working within, or with an interest in the government library sector.

The second and fourth objectives of ALIA are:

- To **promote and improve** services provided by all kinds of library and information agencies, and
- To **represent** the interests of members to government, other organisations and the community.

AGLIN aims to:

- **Represent** the interests and concerns of member libraries and information services in wider government forums;
- **Develop and implement** co-operative schemes and resource sharing activities among Australian Government libraries and information services;
- **Serve as a forum** to consider and reach consensus on issues and policies which affect Australian Government libraries and information services;
- **Promote**
 - improved access to information by Australian Government agencies and their staff,
 - research and development in the application of new technologies and information systems relevant to Australian Government libraries and information services, and
 - improvements in the management of Australian Government libraries and information services.
- Develop a capacity for the **provision of expert advisory services** to its members and other organisations as appropriate in such areas as:
 - cost effective procurement of library materials, systems and other services;
 - guidelines and standards for library management in strategic planning, and
 - performance measurement, staff professional development and training, marketing of library services and other matters.
- **Foster and facilitate the dissemination of Australian Government publications** to the wider community by:
 - ensuring appropriate bibliographical control is achieved for all publications of Australian Government agencies,
 - supporting the maintenance of library deposit arrangement for all Australian Government agency publications, and
 - promoting the use of appropriate commercial distribution arrangements.

AGREEMENT

1. The Executive of AGLIN and the Board of ALIA agree to work together to advance the cause of government libraries and information services in Australia and to benefit the government library and information sector and the people working in it.
2. Form an alliance to work co-operatively and to collaborate in areas that:
 - a. are of mutual benefit and interest to each organisation and its members
 - b. focus on the value of library services in general, and government libraries and information services in particular
 - c. focus on advocacy for the role and development of government libraries and information services in Australia Government
3. Investigate reciprocity for membership of e-lists / e-newsletters
4. Collaborate in:
 - a. lobbying, advocacy, and profile raising; and the
 - b. development of services and products that benefit the members of both organisations.
5. Offer reciprocal member rates for professional development programs and conferences.

Communication

1. On operational issues, communication between the two organisations will be between the Executive Convenor of AGLIN and the Executive Director of ALIA.
2. On policy issues, communication will be between the AGLIN Executive and the ALIA Board.

Review

1. This Memorandum of Understanding will be reviewed after two years of operation by the Executive Boards of the governing bodies.

Signed on behalf of
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT
LIBRARIES INFORMATION
NETWORK

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