

'Legally Blogged: Recording Australia's (Online) Cultural Heritage'

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In 2007 the Government commenced a review into the feasibility of extending the legal deposit scheme to include audiovisual and electronic material. Submissions closed in May 2008 and we are still awaiting the findings from this review. In this paper we briefly examine existing legal deposit provisions and the proposed areas of extension. We use the Unlocking IP research staff blog, aptly named, 'The House of Commons' as a case study to examine the fate of online materials of this nature in a potential extended deposit scheme. Discussion will include (a) the relationship between legal deposit and the public domain (b) the potential scope of an extended legal deposit scheme and (c) legal deposit, online materials and the difficulty of distinguishing the culturally significant from the 'riff raff'.