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ISOC-AU applauds today's decision of the Australian Federal Court in the case of Roadshow Films Pty Limited v iiNET Limited. The Court found that iiNet, by failing to take any steps to stop infringing conduct, did not 'authorise' copyright infringement by certain iiNet users.. iiNet did not sanction, approve or countenance copyright infringement; they did no more than provide an Internet service to their customers.

ISOC-AU believes the Internet is for everyone. 'The Internet is an essential part of how Australians live, work and play', said Narelle Clark, Vice President of the Internet Society of Australia (ISOC-AU) 'and the Court has confirmed that ISPs are not required to be the gatekeepers of Internet use'.

ISOC-AU also welcomes the finding of the Court that, because iiNet did have a repeat infringer policy, they would have been entitled to the protection offered by the 'safe harbour' provisions of the copyright legislation.

ISOC-AU recognises that people should be rewarded for their creative endeavours and that other models may need to be used or developed to reward content creation and distribution. We also support the right of all to due process under law, particularly to ensure that Internet users are not arbitrarily cut off from Internet access.

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