

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Pirate, Science & Greens Parties lead on Digital Rights in 2016

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EFA today releases its [2016 Election Policy Scorecard](#), which rates nine parties on their policy positions relating to the primary digital rights issues.

**Pirate Party Australia** and the **Australian Greens** again score full marks, as they did in 2013. This year, they're joined by the **Science Party** in achieving that score.

[EFA's 2016 Election Policy Scorecard](#) is based on responses received to a detailed Policy Questionnaire, combined with analysis of voting history and published policies.

EFA Executive Officer Jon Lawrence said today, "I'm genuinely encouraged that a number of minor parties have approached us for the first time seeking to be included in our regular election scorecard. Digital rights issues are human rights issues that affect everyone.

"We again commend the Pirate Party and the Greens on their digital rights policy positions, and welcome the Science Party into the fold of parties with comprehensive support for digital rights issues. Glenn Lazarus also deserves a mention, and was only marked down slightly due to his support for site-blocking for copyright enforcement."

EFA will be holding an open forum to discuss the policies of every party at Electron Workshop in North Melbourne from 6.30pm Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. This forum will also be live-streamed from 7pm AEST.

Details at: [efa.org.au/election2016](http://efa.org.au/election2016).

#### About EFA

Established in January 1994, Electronic Frontiers Australia (EFA) is a national, membership-based non-profit organisation representing Internet users concerned with digital freedoms and rights.

EFA is independent of government and commerce, and is funded by membership subscriptions and donations from individuals and organisations with an altruistic interest in promoting civil liberties in the digital context. EFA members and supporters come from all parts of Australia and from diverse backgrounds.

EFA's major objectives are to protect and promote the civil liberties of users of digital communications systems (such as the Internet) and of those affected by their use and to educate the community at large about the social, political and civil liberties issues involved in the use of digital communications systems.

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