



## MEDIA RELEASE

# EFA elects first female leadership team

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Electronic Frontiers Australia, the country's leading digital rights organisation, is proud to announce that its Board has elected its first female leadership team.

Lyndsey Jackson was elected unopposed as the new Chair of EFA at a Board meeting held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Katherine Phelps was elected as the new vice-Chair.

Lachlan Simpson was also elected as Secretary and Shaun Haddrill continues in the Treasurer's position to which he was appointed in July 2017.

Ms Jackson said, "It is an honour, and it marks a significant point in the history of EFA to be the first woman to be elected to this role. To be supported in this role by new Vice-Chair Katherine Phelps is particularly gratifying, as we are both passionate about encouraging and supporting women to take on leadership roles in civil society.

"I look forward to working with the board and the EFA membership to ensure that EFA remains a champion of digital rights in our communities, both here in Australia and throughout the world.

"I would also like to note the significant contribution over many years of our outgoing Chair David Cake, as well as our other outgoing Board members and look forward to their continuing contribution to the organisation in a variety of contexts."

### **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 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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