

## Media Release

### **iiNet welcomes Federal Court decision requiring film & TV industry to produce documents and take more reasonable approach**

**15 June 2009** - iiNet Limited, the Perth based Internet Service Provider (ISP) has welcomed today's decision by the Federal Court requiring the film and television organisations to take a more reasonable approach to discovery in the case.

Originally, the film and television organisations refused to give any discovery to iiNet and have now been ordered to co-operate with iiNet in relation to 21 categories of discovery. The Court also required the Australian Federation Against Copyright Theft (AFACT) to produce documents in relation to 19 categories of discovery.

The set back for the film and television organisations comes just one month after they were forced to withdraw a key element of their copyright claim against iiNet and pay iiNet's legal costs relating to that withdrawal.

Mr Malone again expressed growing frustration that more than six months after launching court action, the industry organisations still appeared to be on a fishing exercise and are still struggling to set out their claim.

iiNet's Managing Director, Michael Malone, also questioned why the film and TV industry would be reluctant to provide information about how the industry was monitoring or policing allegations of copyright breaches overseas.

"Surely if they are serious about the issue they would have no problem providing that information to us in the interests of addressing any issues they have in Australia. What have they got to hide?" Mr Malone asked.

"Here we have more than 20 of the world's largest film and television organisations saying copyright breaches are an international problem and that we, as a small Perth-based ISP, should do something about, it but they won't provide information on what they are doing elsewhere in the world to tackle the issue.

"We have always said that iiNet does not in any way support, or encourage, breaches of the law, including infringement of copyright".

"The law currently provides a process for the applicants to pursue individuals who they think are breaching copyright laws when accessing the internet. If the film and television studios are serious about copyright infringement they can, and should use, this process."

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#### **About iiNet**

iiNet was established in 1993 and listed on the ASX in 1999 (ASX: IIN), growing from a small Perth business into the third largest Internet Service Provider in Australia. The Company now supports more than 725,000 dial up, broadband and telephony services nationwide, is on track to exceed \$400m of revenue in FY09, and proudly employs more than 1,400 people in Perth, Sydney, Auckland and Cape Town.

iiNet's goal is to lead the market with the best Internet access products and then differentiate with genuine, plain speaking customer service. The company has its own high speed ADSL2+ network reaching around 4 million households across Australia, the largest Voice over IP network in the country, and is delighted to have led yet again with Naked DSL, recognized by PC User Magazine as the 2007 Product of the Year.

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