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AustLII wins best openness initiative

.auDA and InternetNZ, the Internet domain name administrators for Australia and New Zealand, announced today the inaugural winners of the Australia and New Zealand Internet Best Practice Awards.

.auDA and InternetNZ awarded The Australasian Legal Information Institute (AustLII) the [best openness initiative](#). This recognises AustLII's online legal public library services that enable Internet users to benefit from increased access to online materials, knowledge and information.

AustLII won the hotly contested "Openness" category on the basis of it constituting best practice for free access, its high usage and for being a model adopted by others. Today there are legal information institutes around the world using AustLII's model and open source software to provide free access to law online.

Since established fifteen years ago, AustLII has been providing Australians and international users with free access to legal information online. AustLII averages close to a million hits per day and is used by the general public, education, government and commercial sectors.

Professor Andrew Mowbray, University of Technology, Sydney and Professor Graham Greenleaf, University of New South Wales, AustLII Founders said "we were motivated to create AustLII by the belief that everyone has the right to obtain the details of the laws they live under, and that the rule of law, business efficiency, education and better government would benefit from free access to the law".

The Awards recognise companies, organisations, charities and individuals that have made significant contributions towards the security, openness, diversity and accessibility of the Internet. The Awards are based on the four main themes of the United Nations' Internet Governance Forum.

AustLII is honoured to receive the Award and is pleased to receive it as it celebrates 15 years of providing free access to law in 2010.

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