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THE FUTURE OF LEGAL PUBLISHING IN THE NEW COMMONS

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Abstract:

The discourse on the future of (legal) publishing often focuses on improved production, faster and more affordable delivery and more equitable consumption methods. In the emerging age of web 3.0 and 4.0, creation, transformation and retention of knowledge must be considered in light of copyright, privacy, data rights management, data analytics and the benefit of the commons. It is important to note that the future of knowledge has been one which has oft been spearheaded by the monetisation goals of the 'tech giants' i.e. Google, Amazon, Apple and Microsoft, and the 'guerilla' responses emerging from the commons across numerous sectors. In this short talk, I would like to embark on case studies highlighting emerging legal publishing models which have changed and modernised the paradigm of knowledge creation in Netherlands, Canada and the US, and the key lessons essential for a common law jurisdiction like Australia. I will also attempt to highlight the initiatives from our changing commons, and shed light on how the paradigm of publishing can be sustainable, equitable and future-proofed.