



Creative Freedom Foundation Newsletter, 17 February 2009

Hi folks,

Welcome to Internet Blackout week



INTERNET BLACKOUT N.Z

FEBRUARY 16-23 AGAINST GUILT UPON ACCUSATION LAWS

This week is a crucial week for the Creative Freedom Foundation and New Zealand. With February 28th – and Section 92A – only 11 days away NOW is the time to let the Government know that thousands of New Zealanders are against the *Guilt Upon Accusation* law, S92A.

To make sure that happens, CFF have launched week-long Internet Blackout campaign against *Guilt Upon Accusation* laws in NZ. The blackout movement, taking place from 16-23 February, is rapidly growing with thousands of people in New Zealand modifying their websites, blogs, FaceBook, MySpace, Twitter and Bebo accounts to show their opposition to the law.

Instructions on how to take part in the blackout can be found at: <http://creativefreedom.org.nz/blackout.html>

The blackout has already drawn international support: world renowned actor, comedian and author Stephen Fry has blacked out his twitter profile stating that “Stephen Fry is blacked out: Stand up against *Guilt Upon Accusation* for New Zealand”.

The week will culminate in a major web blackout on Monday the 23rd seeing blogs and websites “dimming the lights” as a means of drawing attention to the issue that could leave New Zealander’s in the dark when they face having their internet cut off. Hundreds of confirmed participants include [Kiwiblog](#), [Zoomin](#), [Public Address](#), and [They Work for You](#) with more to be announced over the coming week.

Over 8000 people, including over 4000 artists, have signed the Creative Freedom Foundation’s petition against *Guilt Upon Accusation* laws in NZ.

Copywrong Song: Remix Challenge and open call for track contributions

The Creative Freedom Foundation has teamed up with Mike Corb and [Luke Rowell / Disasteradio](#) to produce the *Guilt Upon Accusation* anthem: **The Copywrong Song**.

The Copywrong Song at www.CreativeFreedom.org.nz/copywrong.html is free to download, remix, and in true community spirit the Creative Freedom Foundation are encouraging participation from one and all by way of a Remix Challenge and an open call for track contributions

The Remix Challenge will see music and video makers worldwide competing to make their ultimate remix of **The Copywrong Song**. The open call for track contributions invites musicians to send in their contributions to the song, with tracks later being collated into the CFF’s version of **The Ultimate Copywrong Song**.

A recording session will take place in Wellington next Sunday 22 Feb for those of you without access to recording equipment. [Contact us](#) to make a booking to record your contribution (maximum of 1/2 hour slots only, so be prepared!).

Instructions on how to take part in the Remix Challenge and track contribution can be found at: www.CreativeFreedom.org.nz/copywrong.html

Public Demonstration

A public demonstration will be taking place in Wellington on Thursday 19th at approximately lunchtime. Rumours are also afoot about a demonstration in Auckland at the same time. The exact time is yet to be confirmed – stay tuned!

NOTE: Please don't wear all black as that has negative associations with other demonstrations but instead come along with bright clothes and BLACK PLACARDS!

Thanks,
from the Creative Freedom Foundation team
<http://creativefreedom.org.nz>