

Note on VC4414 Copyright 15/2/2025

The editor of this document (John Bamford) is deceased.

According to **Australian Copyright Council fact sheet Fo23v21:**

“Published editions are protected by copyright, on the policy ground that editors should be rewarded for the skill and effort they exercise in selecting and arranging the works they publish. However, the term of protection for a published edition is limited, lasting for just 25 years from the year of first publication. The 2005 changes did not change this rule.”

On this basis, copyright expired 31 May 2024.

However the document also states that

“Up until 31 December 2018, the duration of copyright in unpublished works was, in theory, indefinite. This changed as a result of legislative amendments that came into effect on 1 January 2019 introducing a new standard term of protection for all copyright materials: the life of the creator, plus 70 years. This new standard does not differentiate between published and unpublished materials.”

This does not differentiate between the original author (Philip Bamford) and a subsequent editor (John Bamford).

Conclusion:

Assume that Copyright expired 31 May 2024, and make the pdf available on VC for download, with sharing code “CC BY-NC-SA 4.0” – ie “Reserved for material that may be shared (i.e. copied, distributed, transmitted) and reworked (i.e. altered, transformed, built upon) provided that the accessor attributes the content source and copyright holder, and identifies any alterations; does not use the content for commercial purposes; and distributes the reworked content under the same or similar license.”

If any objections to these, can change sharing code to “All Rights Reserved”

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