



# Ending Software Patents in Australia

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Why are software patents relevant to you?

About me

What is a patent?

What is a *software* patent?

How did software become patentable?

What's the problem?

Software is different.

*Example:* Video standards on the web

Someone should do something!

End software patents in Australia!

*Aside:* Influence of the US

*Aside:* Good news in New Zealand

*Aside:* Free software and patents

The future of the campaign?

# References



End Software Patents in Australia campaign:  
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