Process for getting ebooks and audiobooks registered for Lending Rights

Beforehand, the titles to be registered in a national book database.

Information on this given by the Lending Rights team:

One of the eligibility criteria is for a library catalogue record to be available on either the Australian National Bibliographic Database (ANBD) or the Schools Cataloguing Information Service (SCIS).

For ebooks, this is relatively simple, you simply add the ebook to the National Electronic Database (NED) which is the digital version of Legal Deposit.

Again, info from the team:

Your NED deposit will generate a catalogue record in the ANBD, but it's not instantaneous. You may wish to contact the NED team at your State Library to check in to see when the catalogue record will be generated.

Once the catalogue record has appeared in the ANBD, you will be able to lodge the title claim for this book.

For audiobooks, it's rather more complex, because they are not covered by Legal Deposit, so you can't add them to NED, but they still need to be listed in those bibliographic databases, as above. Here is the info from the Lending Rights team on how best to do that:

If you register audiobook ISBNs with Thorpe Bowker, once assigned to books, Thorpe Bowker will share a minimal prepublication catalogue record to the ANBD that is sufficient for Lending Rights' purposes.

You can submit your audiobooks directly to SCIS: https://www.scisdata.com/contact-scis/ They will catalogue it, and we can use that record for Lending Rights.

IMPORTANT NOTE: There is also another, simpler way to do it, advised by the LR team, which bypasses the need to add the audiobook titles to the databases. This process enables you to register both the ebook and audiobook(of the same title), simultaneously. It presupposes of course that the ebook edition is already in NED and hence in the databases. Here's the process as advised by the LR team:

1.   Go to 'lodge new title claim'

2.   Enter the ISBN for a different format of the same title that already has a catalogue record (eg the ebook)

3.   Press the validate ISBN button

4.   Enter the ISBN for the audiobook

5.   DON'T press the validate ISBN button again, and continue with the title claim as it is.

Hope that all helps!