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Little has been written about the complex ways in which Legal Information Institutes develop sustainable funding for free access to law, and the different issues arising from different national contexts. This paper uses AustLII as a case study of how 'enterprise models' for LIIs can be analysed. It starts with an analysis of the licences under which AustLII is entitled to publish its content, the distinction between 'open content' and content available for free access, and the implications this has for funding possibilities. It then summarises the different types of funding models that AustLII has therefore pursued and the extent to which they have been effective, and other possibiliites which are open but not yet pursued.