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Dear Director

REVIEW OF COPYRIGHT ONLINE INFRINGEMENT AMENDMENT

APRA AMCOS is grateful for the opportunity to make a submission to the Department of Communications and the Arts (**Department**) in response to the review of the *Copyright Amendment (Online Infringement) Act 2015 (Amendment)*.

APRA is the collecting society in Australia in respect of the public performance and communication rights of composers and music publishers. AMCOS is the collecting society in Australia in respect of reproduction of music in certain formats, including on CD, DVD, online, for use as production music and for radio/TV programs. Together, APRA and AMCOS control the copyright for such purposes in almost all commercially available musical works, by virtue of assignments from their local members and affiliations with similar overseas societies. Since 1997, the two organisations have been administered in tandem, and these submissions represent the united view of both.

APRA AMCOS represents more Australian copyright owners than any other party. APRA AMCOS have more than 95,000 songwriter and music publisher members and 145,000 businesses licensed across Australia and New Zealand.

APRA was one of the parties in last year's music industry application to the Federal Court of Australia: *Universal Music Australia Pty Limited v TPG Internet Pty Ltd* [2017] FCA 435.

APRA AMCOS is of the view that the Amendment has been a welcome addition to the remedies available to rights holders which assists to deter copyright infringement in the online environment. We remain extremely grateful to the Government for introducing the Amendment into the Act.



APRA AMCOS endorses the submissions of Music Rights Australia (**MRA**) in this review. In particular, APRA AMCOS agrees with MRA that consideration of any changes to the Amendment ought to be deferred for at least 18 months to allow for more conclusive and long-term assessment of the effectiveness of the legislation.

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We thank the Department for the opportunity to comment on this review. If we can be of any further assistance in regards to this matter please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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