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Dear Interested Party

**Australasian Performing Right Association Limited - application for revocation of authorisation AA1000433 and substitution of AA1000661 - interim authorisation decision**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has granted interim authorisation to enable the Australasian Performing Right Association Limited (**APRA**) to continue its arrangements for the acquisition and licensing of performing rights in musical works while the ACCC assesses the substantive application. Interim authorisation is granted on the same terms as the current authorisation AA1000433, including the conditions of authorisation imposed in 2020.

Interim authorisation protects the arrangements for which authorisation is sought from legal action under the relevant provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the full application.

A copy of the ACCC's interim authorisation decision is attached and also available on the [ACCC's public register](#).

**Next steps**

For your information, the next step in the process is for the ACCC to release a draft determination which will take account of any submissions from the applicant and interested parties and will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the application. The ACCC will give both APRA and interested parties the opportunity to provide a further submission on the draft determination before the ACCC issues its final decision.

As noted in the attached decision, the ACCC may review its decision on interim authorisation at any time. In this regard the ACCC will reconsider this decision at the time of issuing its draft determination. The ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please contact Andrew Ng on [REDACTED], or [exemptions@acc.gov.au](mailto:exemptions@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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