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21 April 2021

Authorisation (Non-Merger) Application

1. Applicant

1.1 Country Press Australia (CPA)
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1.2 Contact

Bruce Ellen
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1.3 Business Activities

CPA is an industry body that represents the interests of over 160 independent regional and local newspapers throughout Australia.

1.4 Service of documents

2. Other persons on whose behalf authorisation is sought

2.1 CPA is seeking authorisation on behalf of current and future members of CPA.

Appendix 1 details the name, address, telephone number and ACN of the current members of CPA

2.2 Appendix 1 details the contact person's name, telephone number and email address

2.3 CPA members provide local news and information content through printed newspapers and other platforms to regional and local communities across Australia.

The funding to resource of journalistic staff to provide content, the production, distribution and dissemination of this content to respective communities is generated internally by each member through newspaper sales (if applicable) and revenue derived from advertising.

3. Details of the proposed conduct

3.1 Authorisation is sought to make and give effect to agreements arising from the collective negotiations, and engage in discussions and exchange information regarding those negotiations.

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CPA members will be offered the opportunity to appoint CPA as their bargaining agent in negotiations with the Digital Platforms (Google and Facebook) outside the legislated Mandatory Code to secure fair recompense to individual publishers for the content they produce that appears on the Digital Platforms and the resources required to produce this content.

It will be voluntary for CPA members to participate in the proposed conduct.

There is no proposal to engage in collective boycott conduct.

3.1 The relevant provisions of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010:

Cartel conduct (Division 1 of Part IV), and
Contracts, arrangements or understandings that restrict dealings or affect
competition (s 45).

3.3 **The rationale for the proposed conduct**

The ability to Collectively Bargain is recognised and approved if negotiations are conducted under the legislated Mandatory Code.

However the Digital Platforms and the Government are encouraging agreements to be struck outside the provisions contained in the Mandatory Code. As a result, the default Collective Bargaining approval included as part of the legislation will not apply.

CPA requests authorisation from the ACCC to act as a bargaining agent for its members to negotiate outside the Mandatory Code, should members choose this path.

CPA members are independent regional and local newspapers with limited resources. For each member to negotiate individually with the Digital Platforms is considered generally prohibitive from both a cost and practical perspective.

3.4 A term of 10 years is sought for this Authorisation Application

4. A minute of the CPA Board meeting on 26 February is included as Appendix 2

5. The persons who will be directly impacted by the proposed conduct are the Digital Platforms (Google and Facebook).

Market Information and concentration

6. The members of CPA provide a news service in regional and local communities published in print and most often online as well.

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The geographic areas serviced are spread throughout regional and suburban Australia, and reflect a community of interest for the news and information published.

There are various geographic regions or parts of regions where publications compete.

7. The section of the publishing industry represented by CPA provides for the news and information needs of the communities in which the information is published.

Local journalists are employed in each region by each member to provide coverage of news, events and activities within the community serviced.

8. Instances of substantially overlapping products are rare.
9. The authorisation does not limit or prevent CPA members from competing vigorously and the proposed conduct does not enable CPA members to raise prices, reduce quality or choice, reduce innovation or co-ordinate in the in the creation and provision of content.

Public Benefit

10. The public benefit of a diverse and independent media has been recognised by the Government and the ACCC.

Independent regional and local media have been identified as most at risk in the changed media landscape. This group have also been identified as performing a vital and non-replicable role in the communities they service.

The emergence of “news deserts” in communities where the viability of a local independent news provider has not proved sustainable due to commercial realities and the inability to leverage the economies of scale available to media conglomerates, and has been recognised as a threat to our democracy.

A negotiated outcome providing recompense to the original creators of news content from the Digital Platforms will provide some degree of assistance to sustain independent and diverse media across CPA membership, many of whom are very small businesses serving small communities.

Even CPA’s largest members, could be at a severe disadvantage in both financial and human resources if they had no option but to negotiate individually with some of the largest companies in the world today.

11. **Public Detriment**

CPA is not able to identify any public detriment.

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12. Contact details of relevant market participants

CPA is not able to identify likely interested parties other than Google and Facebook who have indicated their support for CPA to act as a bargaining agent in this matter.

13. Additional information

As a member organisation, CPA provide an active dialogue and communication with members on a variety of matters.

Throughout the evolution and development of what has become the Mandatory Code, members have been advised of progress and developments and been given the opportunity to provide comment and feedback.

The Authorisation to conduct Collective Bargaining on behalf of members who so chose, is an extension of an established consultation framework that has existed for many years, and used to advantage to progress this matter.

14. Urgent interim authorisation

CPA seeks urgent interim authorisation for the proposed conduct, so that it can commence negotiations with Google and Facebook as soon as possible.

Google and Facebook have negotiated and completed agreements with large corporate media groups since the Mandatory Code was legislated. However, to date there have been few agreements concluded with smaller organisations who are less sophisticated and have less resources.

To be able to negotiate at a level anywhere near similar to the large corporates and achieve a fair outcome there needs to be an authorisation to bargain collectively.

Recent discussions with the Digital Platforms have indicated they are speaking with individual publishers under an NDA. Often these publishers do not have the knowledge to make an informed decision about the comparative fairness of the offers may be presented with.

Granting of an urgent authorisation would enable those publishers who choose to bargain collectively to benefit from a larger knowledge base and achieve a greater weight to bargain on a more level playing field with some of the largest global companies.

An urgent interim authorisation would remove a perceived imperative to negotiate individually.



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Declaration by Applicant

The undersigned declare that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information given in response to questions in this form is true, correct and complete, that complete copies of documents required by this form have been supplied, that all estimates are identified as such and are their best estimates of the underlying facts, and that all the opinions expressed are sincere. The undersigned undertake(s) to advise the ACCC immediately of any material change in circumstances relating to the application. The undersigned are aware that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence and are aware of the provisions of sections 137.1 and 149.1 of the Criminal Code (Cth)



Signature of authorised person

President

Office held

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Name of authorised person

This twenty first day of April 2021



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21 April 2021

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Dear Mr Ellen

Re: Request for Fee Waiver – Country Press Australia – Application for Authorisation (non-merger)

I refer to your email of 21 April 2021 requesting a full fee waiver for an application for authorisation (non-merger), which Country Press Australia (CPA) intends to lodge with the ACCC.

I understand that CPA intends to apply for authorisation so that it can negotiate with digital platforms (Google and Facebook) on behalf of its members regarding the terms of and compensation for news content provided to the digital platforms.

In support of the request, CPA notes:

- CPA is a not-for-profit representational body, and
- CPA has limited funding and does not have a budget for an application with the ACCC.

Having regard to the above, I wish to advise that the application fee to be paid by CPA has been waived in full.

This decision will remain in force for a period of three months. The three month period will expire on **21 July 2021**.

A copy of this letter should accompany the application for authorisation to be lodged by CPA. The cover letter to the application should mention that a letter from the ACCC regarding a fee waiver is enclosed with the application. The application together with this letter will be placed on the public register at that time.

If the application for authorisation is lodged by CPA after **21 July 2021**, a full application fee of \$7500 will apply, unless you make, and the ACCC approves, another fee waiver.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Steven Lee on (02) 6243 1347.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Jones', with a stylized flourish above the name.

David Jones
Joint General Manager
Competition Exemptions

State	Town	Newspaper	Newspaper Group	Address	Website
Vic	Alexandra	Alexandra Eildon Marysville Standard	Alexandra Newspapers Pty Ltd	43 Grant Street,Alexandra,Vic ,3714	https://www.alexandranewspapers.com.au/
Vic	Ararat	Ararat Advocate	West Vic News	32 Willoby Street, Beaufort,Vic,3373	http://theadvocate.net.au/
Vic	Bacchus Marsh	Moorabool News	Independent	15 Haddon Drive, Ballan,Vic,3342	https://themooraboolnews.com.au/
Vic	Bairnsdale	Bairnsdale Advertiser	Yeates Media	65 Macleod Street,Bairnsdale,Vic ,3875	https://www.eastvicmedia.com.au/
Vic	Bairnsdale	East Gippsland News NOW	Yeates Media	65 Macleod Street,Bairnsdale,Vic ,3875	https://www.eastgippslandnews.com.au/
Vic	Ballarat	Ballarat Times News	Times News Group	95 Beach Road,Torquay,Vic,3228	https://timesnewsgroup.com.au/ballarat/
Vic	Beaufort	Beaufort Pyrenees Advocate	Independent	32 Willoby Street, Beaufort,Vic,3373	http://theadvocate.net.au/
Vic	Beechworth	Beechworth Ovens & Murray Advertiser	North East Media Pty Ltd	37 Rowan Street,Wangaratta,Vic,3677	https://omadvertiser.com.au/
Vic	Benalla	Benalla Ensign	McPherson Media Group	3/55 Carrier Street,Benalla,Vic,3672	http://www.benallaensign.com.au/
Vic	Bendigo	Bendigo Times	Times News Group	95 Beach Road,Torquay,Vic,3228	https://timesnewsgroup.com.au/
Vic	Berwick	Berwick Star News	Star News Group	Cnr Princes Hwy & Army Road,Pakenham,Vic,3810	https://berwicknews.starcommunity.com.au/
Vic	Brimbank	Brimbank & Northwest Star Weekly	Star Weekly Group	Unit 6/109 Thomsons Road, Keilor Park, Vic, 3042	http://www.starweekly.com.au/pub/brimbank_north_west
Vic	Camperdown	Camperdown Chronicle	Western District Newspapers	124 Manifold Street,Camperdown,Vic,3260	http://www.camperdownchronicle.com.au/
Vic	Casterton	Casterton News	Spectator Group	76 Henty Street, Casterton,Vic,3311	http://www.spec.com.au/
Vic	Castlemaine	Castlemaine Mail	Ellen Newspaper Group	29 Templeton Street,Castlemaine,Vic,3450	https://www.castlemainemail.com.au/
Vic	Cobden	Cobden Timboon Coast Times	Western District Newspapers	124 Manifold Street,Camperdown,Vic,3260	http://www.ctctimes.com.au/
Vic	Cobram	Cobram Courier	McPherson Media Group	31-33 Station Street, Cobram,Vic,3644	www.cobramcourier.com.au
Vic	Colac	Colac Herald	Independent	37-41 Bromfield Street, Colac,Vic 3250	http://www.colaherald.com.au/
Vic	Corryong	Corryong Courier	Independent	Shop 1,41 Hanson Street,Corryong,Vic, 3707	http://corryongcourier.com.au/
Vic	Cranbourne	Cranbourne News	Star News Group	Cnr Princes Hwy & Army Road,Pakenham,Vic,3810	https://cranbournenews.starcommunity.com.au/
Vic	Dandenong	Dandenong Journal	Star News Group	Cnr Princes Hwy & Army Road,Pakenham,Vic,3810	https://dandenong.starcommunity.com.au/
Vic	Dimboola	Dimboola Banner	Wimmera Mallee Newspapers	100 Lloyd Street,Dimboola,Vic,3414	https://wimmeramalleenews.com.au/
Vic	Donald	Buloke Times	Independent	6 McCulloch Street,Donald,Vic,3480	Can't locate but has Facebook page
Vic	Echuca	Riverine Herald	McPherson Media Group	28 Percy Street,Echuca,Vic,3564	www.riverineherald.com.au
Vic	Edenhope	West Wimmera Advocate	Independent	67 Elizabeth Street,Edenhope,Vic,3318	Can't locate but has Facebook page
Vic	Euroa	Euroa Gazette	North East Media Pty Ltd	Gardiner Building-45-47 Railway St,Euroa,Vic,3666	www.euroagazette.com.au
Vic	Ferntree Gully	Ferntree Gully Belgrave Star Mail	Mail News Group	Cnr Princes Hwy & Army Road,Pakenham,Vic,3810	https://ferntreegully.mailcommunity.com.au/
Vic	Foster	Foster Mirror	Independent	9A Court Street,Foster,Vic,3960	Can't locate but has Facebook page
Vic	Geelong	Geelong Times	Times News Group	95 Beach Road,Torquay,Vic,3228	https://timesnewsgroup.com.au/
Vic	Geelong	Geelong Indy	Star News Group	Level 1,78 Moorabool Street,Geelong,Vic,3220	https://geelongindy.com.au/
Vic	Hamilton	Hamilton Spectator	Spectator Group	59 Gray Street,Hamilton,Vic,3300	http://www.spec.com.au/
Vic	Healesville	Mountain View Star News	Mail News Group	244 Maroondah Hwy,Healesville,Vic,3777	http://mountainviews.mailcommunity.com.au/
Vic	Heathcote	Mcvor Times	Independent	170 High Street,Heathcote,Vic,3523	www.mcvortimes.com.au
Vic	Hopetoun	Hopetoun Courier	Independent	75 Lascelles Street,Hopetoun,Vic,3396	Can't locate but has Facebook page
Vic	Rainbow	Horsham Times	Wimmera Mallee Newspapers	89 Scott Street,Warracknabeal,Vic,3393	https://www.thehorshamtimes.com.au/
Vic	Horsham	Weekly Advertiser	Independent	2 Stawell Road,Horsham,Vic,3400	www.theweeklyadvertiser.com.au
Vic	Kerang	Gannawarra Times	Elliott Newspaper Group	24 Scoresby Street,Kerang,Vic,3579	https://www.gannawarratimes.com.au/
Vic	Endeavour Hills	The Journal	Star News Group	Cnr Princes Hwy & Army Road,Pakenham,Vic,3810	https://endeavourhillshallamdoveton.starcommunity.com.au/
Vic	Kilmore	North Central Review	North Central Review/Alexander Newspapers	62-64 Sydney Road,Kilmore,Vic,3764	https://ncreview.com.au/
Vic	Kyabram	Kyabram Free Press	McPherson Media Group	198 Allan Street,Kyabram,Vic,3620	www.kyfreepress.com.au
Vic	Kyneton	Midland Express	Ellen Newspaper Group	3 Market Street,Kyneton,Vic,3444	http://www.elliottmidnews.com.au/
Vic	Lakes Entrance	Lakes Post	East Gippsland Newspapers/James Yeates & Sons	505 Esplanade , Lakes Entrance,Vic,3909	https://www.lakespost.com.au/
Vic	Wendouree	The Local (Central Highlands)	Independent	17 Barkly Street, Glenlyon, Vic, 3461	https://tlnews.com.au/
Vic	Boort	Loddon Herald	Muso's Media	PO Box 1188, Kangaroo Flat, Vic, 3550	https://www.loddonherald.com.au/
Vic	Maldon	Tarrangower Times	Independent	4/9 High Street,Maldon,Vic,3463	www.tarrangowertimes.com.au
Vic	Mansfield	Mansfield Courier	North East Media Pty Ltd	98 High Street, Mansfield,Vic,3722	www.mansfieldcourier.com.au
Vic	Maribyrnong	Maribyrnong & Hobsons Bay Star Weekly	Star Weekly Group	Unit 6/109 Thomsons Road, Keilor Park, Vic, 3042	http://www.starweekly.com.au/pub/maribyrnong_hobsons_bay/
Vic	Maryborough	Maryborough Advertiser	Hopkins Group	94 Napier Street,Maryborough,Vic,3465	http://www.maryboroughadvertiser.com.au/
Vic	Melton	Melton & Moorabool Star Weekly	Star Weekly Group	222 Ferris Road, Melton South, Vic, 3338	http://www.starweekly.com.au/pub/melton_moorabool/
Vic	Mildura	Mildura Weekly	Independent	424 San Mateo Avenue,Mildura,Vic,3500	https://www.milduraweekly.com.au/
Vic	Mortlake	Mortlake Dispatch	Western District Newspapers	124 Manifold Street,Camperdown,Vic,3260	http://www.mortlakedispatch.com.au/
Vic	Morwell	Latrobe Valley Express	Ellen Newspaper Group	21 George Street,Morwell,Vic,3840	https://www.latrobevalleyexpress.com.au/
Vic	Mount Evelyn	Mount Evelyn Star Mail	Mail News Group	244 Maroondah Hwy,Healesville,Vic,3777	https://moutevelyn.mailcommunity.com.au/
Vic	Myrtleford	Myrtleford Times /Alpine Observer	North East Media Pty Ltd	76 Standish Street,Myrtleford,Vic,3736	www.alpineobserver.com.au
Vic	Nhill	Nhill Free Press & Kaniva Times	Independent	27 Victoria Street,Nhill,Vic 3418	Can't locate but has Facebook page
Vic	Hume/Whittlesea	Northern Star Weekly	Star Weekly Group	Unit 6/109 Thomsons Road, Keilor Park, Vic, 3042	http://www.starweekly.com.au/pub/northern/
Vic	Numurkah	Numurkah Leader	Independent	88 Melville Street,Nurmkah,Vic,3636	http://numurkahleader.net.au/
Vic	Ocean Grove	Ocean grove Voice	Star News Group	Level 1,78 Moorabool Street,Geelong,Vic,3220	https://oceangrovevoice.com.au/
Vic	Orbost	Snowy River Mail	East Gippsland Newspapers/James Yeates & Sons	122 Nicholson Street,Orbost,Vic,3888	https://snowyrivermail.com.au/
Vic	Ouyen	North West Express	Mallee Printers	27 Pickering Street,Ouyen,Vic,3490	Can't locate but has Facebook page
Vic	Pakenham	Pakenham Berwick Gazette	Star News Group	Cnr Princes Hwy & Army Road,Pakenham,Vic,3810	http://pakenham.starcommunity.com.au/
Vic	Officer	Officer News	Star News Group	Cnr Princes Hwy & Army Road,Pakenham,Vic,3810	https://pakenhamnews.starcommunity.com.au/
Vic	Phillip Island	Phillip Island Advertiser	Independent	Suite 2,60 Chapel Street,Cowes,Vic,3922	https://www.pisra.com.au/
Vic	Portland	Portland Observer	Spectator Group	47 Percy Street,Portland,Vic,3305	http://www.spec.com.au/
Vic	Rainbow	Rainbow Jeparit Argus	Wimmera Mallee Newspapers	30 King Street,Rainbow,Vic,3424	https://wimmeramalleenews.com.au/
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Vic	Robinvale	Robinvale Sentinel	Independent	Shop 2,Cnr Bromley-Herbert St's,Robinvale,Vic,3549	https://www.robinvalesentinel.com.au/
Vic	Rochester	Capaspe News	McPherson Media Group	74 Mackay Street,Rochester,Vic,3561	www.campaspenews.com.au

Vic	Sale	Sale Gippsland Times & Maffra Spectator	Ellen Newspaper Group	74 Macalister Street,Sale,Vic,3850	http://www.gippslandtimes.com.au/
Vic	Sea Lake	Sea Lake & Wycheproof Times	Mallee Printers	141 Best Street,Sea Lake,Vic,3533	Can't locate
Vic	Seymour	Seymour Telegraph	McPherson Media Group	6 Station Street,Seymour,Vic,3660	www.seymourtelegraph.com.au
Vic	Shepparton	Shepparton News	McPherson Media Group	3/55 Carrier Street,Benalla,Vic,3672	https://www.sheppnews.com.au/
Vic	Shepparton	Shepparton Adviser	Independent	Newspaper House, 219-225 Wyndham St,Shepparton,Vic,3630	http://www.sheppadviser.com.au/
Vic	Sunbury/Macedon	Sunbury & Macedon Ranges Star Weekly	Star Weekly Group	222 Ferris Road, Melton South, Vic, 3338	http://www.starweekly.com.au/pub/sunbury_macedon_ranges/
Vic	Mildura	Sunraysia Daily	Elliott Newspaper Group	22 Deakin Avenue,Mildura,Vic,3500	
Vic	St Arnaud	St Arnaud North Central News	Independent	18 Napier Street,St Arnaud,Vic,3478	www.northcentralnews.com.au
Vic	Swan Hill	Swan Hill Guardian	Elliott Newspaper Group	54 McCallum Street,Swan Hill,Vic,3585	http://www.theguardian.com.au/
Vic	Terang	Terang Express	Western District Newspapers	124 Manifold Street,Camperdown,Vic,3260	http://www.terangexpress.com.au/
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Vic	Upper Yarra	Upper Yarra Star Mail	Mail News Group	244 Maroondah Hwy,Healesville,Vic,3777	https://starcommunity.com.au/
Vic	Wangaratta	Wangaratta Chronicle	North East Media Pty Ltd	37 Rowan Street,Wangaratta,Vic,3677	www.wangarattachronicle.com.au
Vic	Warracknabeal	Warracknabeal Herald	Wimmera Mallee Newspapers	89 Scott Street,Warracknabeal,Vic,3393	https://wimmeramalleenews.com.au/
Vic	Warragul	Warragul & Drouin Gazette	Hopkins Group	97 Queen Street,Warragul,Vic,3820	www.thegazette.com.au
Vic	Woodside	Bridge-Yarram District	Independent	1539 Carrajung Road, Woodside, Vic, 3874	Can't locate but has Facebook page
Vic	Wonthaggi	South Gippsland Sentinel Times	Giles Newspaper Group	47 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi Vic 3995	http://sgst.com.au/
Vic	Wyndham	Wyndham Star Weekly	Star Weekly Group	1/75 Watton Street, Werribee, Vic, 3030	http://www.starweekly.com.au/pub/wyndham/
Vic	Yarrawonga	Yarrawonga Chronicle	McPherson Media Group	101 Belmore Street, Yarrawonga,Vic,3730	www.yarrawongachronicle.com.au
Vic	Yea	Yea Chronicle	North Central Review/Alexander Newspapers	92 High Street,Yea,Vic,3717	https://www.alexandranewspapers.com.au/
NSW	Walcha	Apsley Advocate	Independent	39w Fitzroy Street	https://walchatelecottage.com.au/apsley_advocate
NSW	Barham	Barham Bridge	Independent	Shop 2, 5-9 Mellool Street, Barham, NSW, 2732	https://www.thebridgenews.com.au/
NSW	Cooma	Monaro Post	Independent	59 Vale Street, Cooma, NSW, 2630	http://monaropost.com.au/
NSW	Coonamble	Coonamble Times	Independent	51 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble, NSW, 2829	http://www.coonambletimes.com.au/
NSW	Coonabarabran	Coonabarabran Times	Independent	44 Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran, NSW, 2357	https://coonabarabrantimes.com/
NSW	Corowa	Free Press	McPherson Media Group	109 Sanger Street, Corowa, NSW, 2646	https://www.corowafreepress.com.au/
NSW	Deniliquin	Pastoral Times	McPherson Media Group	230 Cressy Street, Deniliquin, NSW, 2710	https://www.denipt.com.au/
NSW	Dubbo	Dubbo Photo News	Independent	89 Wingerarra Street, Dubbo, NSW, 2830	https://www.dubbophotonews.com.au/
NSW	Finley	Southern Riverina News	McPherson Media Group	17 Pinnuck Street, Finley, NSW, 2713	https://www.southernriverinaneews.com.au/
NSW	Gilgandra	Gilgandra Weekly	Independent	64-66 Miller Street, Gilgandra, NSW, 2827	https://www.gilgandraweekly.com.au
NSW	Hay	Riverine Grazier	Independent	95 Lachlan Street, Hay, NSW, 2711	https://www.facebook.com/RiverineGrazier
NSW	Kiama	The Bugle	Independent	32 McIntosh Street, Shoalhaven Heads, NSW, 2535	https://thebugleonline.com/
NSW	Canberra	Canberra Weekly	New State Media	11/285 Canberra Avenue, Fyshwick, ACT, 2609	https://canberraweekly.com.au/
NSW	Manilla	Manilla Express	Independent	107 Manilla Street, Manilla, NSW, 2346	https://manillaexpress.com/
NSW	Narrabri	Narrabri Courier	Independent	60 Maitland Street, Narrabri, NSW, 2390	https://narrabricourier.com.au/
NSW	Newcastle	Newcastle Weekly	New State Media	19 Pearson Street, Charlestown, NSW, 2290	https://newcastleweekly.com.au/
NSW	Nyngan	Nyngan Weekly	Independent	64-66 Miller Street, Gilgandra, NSW, 2827	https://www.facebook.com/Nynganweekly
NSW	Singleton	Hunter River Times	Independent	14 159 John Street, Singleton, NSW, 2330	https://hunterrivertimes.com.au/
NSW	Tumut	Tumut & Adelong Times	Independent	122 Wynyard Street, NSW, 2720	https://tatimes.com.au/
NSW	Harden-Murrumburrah	Twin Town Times	Independent	30 Smith Street, Harden, NSW, 2587	https://twintowntimes.com.au/_/
NSW	Walgett	Walgett Spectator	Independent	79 Wee Wag Street, Walgett, NSW, 2832	can't locate
NSW	West Wyalong	West Wyalong Advocate	Independent	140 Main Street, West Wyalong, NSW, 2671	https://www.theadvocate.com.au/
NSW	Yass	Yass Valley Times	Independent	10 Neill Street, Harden, NSW, 2587	https://www.yassvalleytimes.com.au/
QLD	Allora	Allora Advertiser	Our News	54 Herbert Street, Allora, Qld, 4362	http://www.alloraadvertiser.com/
QLD	Ayr	Burdekin Local News	Independent	132A Young Street, Ayr, Qld, 4807	https://www.burdekinlocal.com.au/
QLD	Blackall	Barcoo Independent	Blackall Newspaper Group	77 Shamrock Street, Qld, 4472	Can't locate but has Facebook page
QLD	Beaudesert	Beaudesert Bulletin	Scenic Rim Media	63 Eaglesfield Street, Beaudesert, Qld, 4285	https://beaudesertbulletin.com/
QLD	Bundaberg	Bundaberg Today	Today News Group	Shop 2, Building 2, IWC Complex, 184 Barolin St., Bundaberg, 4670	https://www.bundabergtoday.com.au
QLD	Cairns	Cairns Local News	Independent	2/185 Mulgrave Road, Cairns, Qld, 4870	http://cairnslocalnews.com.au/
QLD	Canungra	Canungra Times	Scenic Rim Media	1/1 Lawton Lane, Canungra, Qld, 4275	https://canungratimes.com.au/
Qld	Gayndah	Central & North Burnett Today	South Burnett Today Pty Ltd	154 Haly Street, Kingaroy, Qld, 4610	https://burnetttoday.com.au/
QLD	Clifton	Clifton Courier	Our News Pty Ltd	60 Clark Stree, Clifton, Qld, 4361	https://www.facebook.com/cliftoncourier
QLD	Tin Can Bay	Cooloola Bay Bulletin	Bay Publishing	PO Box 355, Tin Can Bay, Qld 4580	https://cbaybulletin.com.au/
QLD	Rainbow Beach	Rainbow Beach & Cooloola Coast News	Independent	37 Double Island Drive, Rainbow Beach, Qld, 4581	www.rbcn.com.au
QLD	Coolum	Coolum & North Shore Advertiser	Independent	(No office)	https://www.coolumadvertiser.com.au/
QLD	Rockhampton	CQ Today	Today News Group	4/214 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton, Qld, 4700	https://www.cqtoday.com.au
QLD	Everton Park/Stafford	The Everton Echo	Mac Group Publications Pty Ltd	21 Chisholm Court, Albany Creek, Qld, 4053	https://echo-news.com.au/
QLD	Boonah/Ipswich	Fassifern Guardian & Tribune	Boonah Newspaper Co	7 Church Street, Boonah, Qld, 4310	https://www.guardiantribune.com.au
QLD	Rosewood	Morerton Border News	Boonah Newspaper Co+DD21:M21	7 Church Street, Boonah, Qld, 4310	
QLD	Beewah/Maleny	Glasshouse Country & Melany News	Independent	16 Coonorwin Road, Glass House Mountain, Qld, 4518	https://www.gcnews.com.au/
QLD	Gympie	Gympie Today	Independent	2 Chapple Street, Gympie, Qld 4570	https://gympietoday.com.au/
QLD	Hervey Bay	Hervey Bay Advertiser	13 Management Pty Ltd	5/6 Luizzi Street, Pialba, Qld, 4655	https://herveybayadvertiser.com.au/
QLD	Highfields	High Country Herald	Independent	Shop 11/1 Plaza Cir, Highfields, Qld, 4352	https://www.highcountryherald.com.au/
QLD	Emerald	Highlands Leader	Longreach Printing Co Pty Ltd	10 Hosptial Rd, Emerald, Qld 4720	https://www.highlandsleader.com.au
QLD	Bilola	Callide Dawson Leader	Longreach Printing Co Pty Ltd	10 Hosptial Rd, Emerald, Qld 4720	www.callidedawsonleader.com.au



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MINUTES FOR A BOARD MEETING OF DIRECTORS HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2021 AT CLARE, STH AUSTRALIA

(abridged minutes)

Meeting Commenced at: 3.43pm AEDT

Present:

Mr B Ellen – President	SA Representatives
Mr B Morgan – Executive Officer (video)	Mr D Robinson (Alt)
QLD Representatives	Mr T McAuliffe
Mr G Watson (video)	Mr A Manuel
	NSW Representatives
VIC Representatives	Mrs L Peart (video)
Mr A Schreyer	MR B Wilson
Mr R Lanyon	Mrs W Dunnet (Alt)
Mr P Thomas	By Invitation:

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The President, Mr B Ellen, tabled his report and noted the following:

- Extensive discussion around the table was held on the Mandatory Code after the President summarised the current situation. He noted that the legislation had passed both Houses of Parliament, and that the amendments, on the face of it, were disappointing. He noted that the Federal Treasurer, Mr Frydenberg had allowed amendments that he thought would be acceptable regarding the funding and that Google could potentially pick and choose who it funds.

“That the board delegate authority to Mr Ellen and Mr Thomas to represent CPA members in the negotiations with Google and Facebook to achieve an outcome beneficial to all members, understanding that individual members still had the right to not participate in the outcome.”

Carried