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Date 5 July 2004
Re APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION NO A90918-
 A90925
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The General Manager
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Attention: Tim Grimwade

Dear Sir

**APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION NOS A90918-A90925
LODGED BY AUSTRALASIAN PERFORMING RIGHT ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

We write in response to your letter of 4 June 2004 to Mr Russell Balding, Managing Director.

We note APRA's application to the ACCC for authorisation to continue its standard arrangements in relation to the acquisition and licensing of the performing rights in its repertoire.

We confirm that the ABC presently has contractual arrangements in place with APRA with regard to the ABC's exercise of the performing right aspect of musical works. Such a "blanket" licence allows the ABC to conduct its business across its broad range of activities, making use of musical works within the scope of APRA's members' considerable repertoire in return for which APRA is paid an agreed licence fee and is presented with regular reports containing details of ABC usage of member works. This represents a significant reduction in the administrative burden that would otherwise be necessary should the ABC be required to seek individual clearances from copyright owners from time to time.

Accordingly, we are instructed that the ABC unreservedly supports the continuation of APRA's present arrangements with the ACCC in relation to these matters on this occasion.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Collins
General Counsel
Head, ABC Legal Services

cc: Russell Balding, Managing Director
Carol Sheppard, Head, Rights Management