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Mr Stuart Watters  
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Dear Mr Watters

**Collective Bargaining Notifications CB00073 - CB00080 lodged by Australian  
Independent Record Labels Association  
- interested party consultation**

I refer to the above collective bargaining notifications lodged with the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) by the Australian Independent Record Labels Association (AIR) on 9 July 2009.

AIR proposes to collectively bargain, on behalf of its members, with Telstra, Optus, Bigpond, Austar, Foxtel, MTV, XYZ and Fuel TV in relation to the licensing of its members' sound recording rights in respect of public performance and transmission of music videos.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the ACCC's consultation with interested parties regarding the notifications.

Please find **attached** a copy of the letter that was sent to interested parties, together with a summary of the collective bargaining notification process. Other documents concerning the notifications will be made available on the public registers section of the ACCC's website: <http://www.accc.gov.au>.

Submissions, including oral comments, will be placed on the ACCC's public register, subject to any request for exclusion.

Absent ACCC objection, legal immunity conferred by the notifications will commence on 23 July 2009.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Tess Macrae on (03) 9290 1835.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Philp".

Susan Philp  
Director  
Adjudication Branch