

FURTHER APRA SUBMISSION IN RELATION TO FUTURE ENTERTAINMENT PTY LIMITED

APRA refers to the submission from Future Entertainment Pty Limited, to which APRA responded on 17 July 2013.

During August and September 2013, it was widely reported that Future Entertainment had sold its assets to the Mushroom Group:

http://www.tondeaf.com.au/news/industry-news/338984/exclusive-michael-gudinski-purchases-future-entertainment.htm?utm_source=Tone+Deaf+Newsletter&utm_campaign=415544ae77-Tucker_Bag254&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b6f823df63-415544ae77-203760089

and subsequently that the company formerly known as Future Entertainment (and other companies in the group) had been placed into liquidation:

http://www.tondeaf.com.au/news/local-news/340012/exclusive-future-entertainment-pty-ltd-enters-liquidation.htm?utm_source=Tone+Deaf+Newsletter&utm_campaign=04718e0a81-Tucker_Bag257&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b6f823df63-04718e0a81-203760089

See also:

<http://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/music/mystery-woman-key-to-transfer-of-future-music-festival-brand-20130911-2tks1.html>

APRA notes that the submission from Future Entertainment referred to a dispute with APRA regarding the alleged improper categorisation of events promoted by Future Entertainment. APRA engaged in extended discussions with Future Entertainment regarding the categorisation of these events. APRA's engagement with Future Entertainment in relation to these matters resulted in a delay in reporting and accordingly in APRA's invoicing.

At the time of liquidation, the total amount owing to APRA by the Future Music group was more than [REDACTED]

To the extent that any of the submissions received by the ACCC allege that APRA is overly litigious and inflexible, or that APRA does not engage in commercial discussions with licensees, APRA submits that its experience with Future Entertainment is evidence to the contrary. In fact, APRA's willingness to engage in discussions regarding licensing has resulted in a significant loss to APRA members and affiliates.