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Dear Dr. Chadwick,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Queensland Hotels Association to endorse and support the submission made by the Australian Hotels Association (AHA) dated 21 October 2013 in relation to the ACCC's intention to grant an interim authorisation to the Australian Performing Rights Association (APRA) to cover its copyright licensing arrangements.

The current application, dispute resolution, and assessment of copyright music licence categories processes, which are overseen by APRA, are unnecessarily complex and confusing for consumers. In this regard, we support the AHA's position that the interim authorisation should expire on or before 15 June 2014, and that:

- APRA should be required to consult on, and publish on or before 15 April 2014, as a single document, a comprehensive plain English guide to its music copyright licence categories and a simple single plain English licence assessment form for each category.
- APRA should be required to consult on, and publish a single document detailing the revised ADR scheme as set out in C5 on or before 15 April 2014.
- The ACCC should review and publish the ACCC Guidelines to assist the Copyright Tribunal in the determination of appropriate copyright remuneration on or before 15 April 2014.
- A pre-decision conference or conferences be held, if requested, on or before 15 May 2014 with respect to the proposed documents and guides outlined above.

Yours faithfully



Justin O'Connor
Chief Executive