

22 October 2013

Dr R. Chadwick General Manager – Adjudication Branch Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Via Email: adjudication@accc.gov.au

Dear Dr Chadwick,

## RE: ACCC INTERIM AUTHORISATION FOR THE AUSTRALASIAN PERFORMING RIGHTS ASSOCIATION LTD (APRA).

Clubs Australia is the national, peak industry body representing the interests of Australia's 6,500 notfor-profit licensed clubs, almost all of which pay fees to APRA under existing licence schemes, including music to accompany dancing, live performances, background music, music on hold, and music to accompany fitness and aerobics classes.

We are aware of correspondence from the Australian Hotels Association (AHA) to the ACCC dated 21 October 2013 supporting an interim authorisation for APRA, on the condition, *inter alia*, that the term of the interim authorisation is for a period until the 15 June 2014. ClubsAustralia has read and is supportive of the recommendations made by the AHA in their respective correspondence.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate in contacting Josh Landis, Clubs Australia Executive Manager - Policy and Government, 02 9268 3004, or by email at jlandis@clubsaustralia.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

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