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Dear Sir/Madam

Australasian Performing Right Association Ltd application for revocation and substitution A91367 - A91375 - interim authorisation decision

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the application for reauthorisation (revocation and substitution) lodged by the Australasian Performing Right Association Ltd (APRA) on 30 April 2013. A copy of the ACCC decision is attached.

Interim authorisation protects the arrangements for which authorisation is sought from legal action under the relevant provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the application.

Next steps

On 15 October 2013 the ACCC issued a draft determination proposing to grant conditional authorisation in respect of APRA's proposed arrangements for three years.

For your information, the next step in the process is for the ACCC to release a final determination which will take account of any submissions provided by APRA and interested parties, including oral submissions made at the pre-decision conference. The applicant and interested parties will receive a copy of the ACCC's final decision.

As noted in the attached decision, the ACCC may review its decision on interim authorisation at any time. The ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

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

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