

Att: Dr Richard Chadwick



22 October 2013

Dr Richard Chadwick
General Manager
Adjudication Branch
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
GPO Box 313
Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Dr Chadwick,

ACCC Interim Authorisation for APRA

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into APRA's reauthorization to the ACCC.

The members of Casinos and Resorts Australasia include multi-purpose venues located throughout Australia and New Zealand which in addition to casino and gaming operations, provide a diverse range of leisure and entertainment options to its patrons ranging from restaurants, bars, nightclubs, live music, retail and accommodation.

Casinos and Resorts Australasia believe it is vital to have music playing within our venues. However, the main concern for members is the application of APRA's tariffs and limited recourse available when questioning APRA's assessments, creates uncertainty around the full cost of entertainment at our venues. Whilst we recognise the benefit of APRA's blanket licensing, the fee increases could lead to no background music being provided for patrons to enjoy or patrons will have to endure higher food and beverage prices for the privilege of having background music. This may impact on the viability of the venues as higher prices could decrease the patronage.

Casinos and Resorts Australasia appreciates your consideration of our submission and are more than happy to discuss any of the above at your convenience.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Lee", is positioned above the printed name and title.

John Lee
Chief Executive Officer