
From:

Sent: Thursday, 23 May 2013 12:31 PM

To: Macrae, Tess

Subject: APRA

Dear Tess

I write to you with regard to the Australasian Performing Rights Association Ltd's (APRA) application for an additional 5 year extension and request that this extension is not granted.

Fees over the past 5 years have jumped exponentially and I believe that this due the lack of competition in this area. It's been a case of having to pay these exorbitant fees or face legal action due to their monopoly of the market.

The fees have increased well outside the CPI.

At present venues pay for DJs to play music, we're then slugged additional fees to have the right to play this music in our venues.

There is no transparency on how these funds are distributed nor any system to ensure that rightful performer receives the allocated funds they're entitled to.

The music industry is reliant on venues playing their artists' music which in turn helps increase record sales. With APRA fees rising again in the next financial year, expect to see many venues closing their doors as they struggle with rising costs of liquor, wages, insurance and the like.

I thank you for time

Best regards