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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Australasian Performing Right Association Ltd application for revocation of authorisations A91187-A91194 & A91211 and substitution of new authorisations A91367-A91375 – interested party consultation

Thank you for allowing Lasseters Hotel Casino the opportunity to provide you with a response in relation to the proposed changes outlined above.

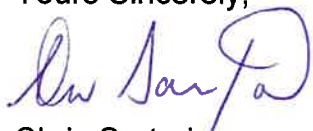
Lasseters predominantly plays background music in most of the areas where patrons are likely to frequent within our venue. One restaurant does not have any music and one bar transforms into a nightclub later into the night twice a week.

The main concern that Lasseters has as a venue is that the existing APRA fees to provide music in public performance areas at our venue are significant and further fee increases will need to be passed on to the general public through increases in food and beverage prices. The lack of competition prohibits the control of these fees where ultimately the general public may suffer.

In tough economic times continual increases to one part of running a business can have flow on affects in other areas. APRA fee increases could lead to no background music to be provided for patrons to enjoy, patrons will pay higher food and beverage prices for the privilege of having background music or patrons will stop frequenting venues as they will not be able to afford the increased costs of having a night out.

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

Yours Sincerely,



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Chief Operating Officer

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