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Dear Ms Howell

**Australian Writers' Guild Limited application for authorisation A91573 – interim authorisation decision**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the Australian Writers' Guild Limited on 3 February 2017. A copy of the ACCC's decision is attached.

Interim authorisation is granted to enable current and future members of the AWG to continue to collectively bargain on behalf of its members in relation to the terms and conditions of model terms of engagement with Screen Producers Australia (SPA) for use by writers when contracting with film or television producers. Interim authorisation does not extend to negotiations between AWG members and producers who are not members of SPA.

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**

For your information, the next step in the process is for the ACCC to release a draft determination which will take account of any submissions from the AWG and interested parties and will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the application. The ACCC will give both the AWG and interested parties the opportunity to provide a further submission on the draft determination before the ACCC issues its final decision.

As noted in the attached decision, the ACCC may review its decision on interim authorisation at any time. In this regard the ACCC will reconsider this decision at the time of issuing its draft determination. 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 Natalie Morton on (02) 6243 3003.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "DChanning". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

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