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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission  
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Dear ACCC,

**Australasian Performing Right Association Ltd – application for revocation of authorisation AA1000433 and substitution of new authorisation AA1000661 – interested party consultation**

Thank you for your letter dated 19 February 2024. The Australian Hotels Association (AHA) is an employer organisation registered under the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.

The AHA represents over 6,000 member hotels ranging from remote country pubs to five-star accommodation hotels and all types of hotels in between. The overwhelming majority of AHA members would hold an APRA (One Music) licence.

During the current authorisation, I believe there have been no complaints received from AHA members by the AHA regarding the conduct or transparency of APRA. I note that if there are formal complaints, there is a dispute resolution process that I understand is rarely used by licenced music users.

I can attest that the AHA and APRA work closely together to ensure fair conduct and transparency. A key reason there have been no complaints is that the information available and the licence application process is relatively easy to use and understand.

The AHA supports the reauthorisation as APRA has requested.

Yours faithfully

**STEPHEN FERGUSON**  
**NATIONAL CEO**