

Submission by Clubs Australia-20 March 2024

Interested party consultation- Australasian Performing Right Association's (APRA) application for revocation of authorisation AA1000433 and substitution of a new authorisation AA1000661 Clubs Australia welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) regarding the Australasian Performing Right Association's (APRA) application for revocation of authorisation AA1000433 and substitution of a new authorisation AA1000661. Clubs Australia represents 6,000 licensed clubs that employ more than 140,000 people. Clubs are not-for-profit, member-owned organisations that provide sporting and recreation infrastructure to their members and the wider community. Clubs use music is used in a variety of ways to create vibrancy and foster social connection among members and the local community. Clubs commonly make use of background music throughout the club, as well as live music, karaoke and DJ sets. Many clubs also hold a OneMusic licence. As per negotiations in 2019, Clubs Australia was able to come to a mutually-acceptable outcome with APRA regarding the OneMusic tariff structure and fees for clubs, which is a pricing structure calculated by reference to the club's membership figure. Clubs Australia supports the new authorisation sought by APRA.