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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Dear Secretary,

**AMPAL Submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
on Copyright Legislation Amendment (FAIR PAY FOR RADIO PLAY) Bill (the Bill) 2023**

Introduction

The Australasian Music Publishers' Association Limited (**AMPAL**) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee Inquiry into the Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Pay for Radio Play) Bill 2023 (the **Inquiry**).

AMPAL is the trade association for Australian and New Zealand music publishers. Our members include large multi-national companies as well as many small businesses.

AMPAL's members represent the majority of economically significant musical works enjoyed by Australians, and people of all nations of the world.

Music publishers invest in songwriters and composers across all genres of music. They play a critical role in nurturing careers, and ensuring that our represented songwriters are provided the recognition that they are due for the use and exploitation of their immense cultural and artistic contribution to society.

Comments

AMPAL members are also members of the Australasian Performing Right Association (APRA) and the Australasian Mechanical Copyright Owners Society (AMCOS).

AMPAL and its members wish to endorse the submission from APRA AMCOS, entitled '**COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAIR PAY FOR RADIO PLAY) BILL 2023**' in its

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entirety.

Further, AMPAL wholly supports the Bill in its intention to amend the Copyright Act 1968 (Act) to repeal subsections 152(8) to 152(11).

AMPAL believes that the amendment would have the effect of allowing both recording artists and songwriters to be equitably remunerated for the significant contribution they make to our lives each day. The value of this contribution should not be restricted by what we feel to be out-dated, and no-longer-purposeful, legislation.

We believe that there should be no legislative hindrance to musical artists, and the companies that represent them, to freely and fairly negotiate for the use of their recordings by either for-profit companies, or government broadcasters.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Capper
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AMPAL