

Foreword

The Committee is pleased to present its report on copyright, music and small business.

Copyright is a concept which many people have difficulty in understanding. Copyright gives moral and financial recognition to the skill and labour involved in producing creative works by granting exclusive economic rights to the creators.

The complex nature of copyrights in music has contributed to misunderstandings about the use of music. This inquiry examined the 'bundle of rights' which exist in music, and the Committee has made practical recommendations to overcome the present misunderstandings.

Music enriches our lives. It is in the interests of the music copyright owners and small businesses alike to cooperate in implementing the recommendations of this report.

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