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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Inquiry into IT Pricing

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IT PRICING, CONSUMERS AND COPYRIGHT

Do Australians pay more for IT software and hardware than consumers in overseas markets? If so, why?

These key questions are being asked in an investigation into IT pricing in Australia, now being conducted by the House Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications.

The Committee will hear from ARIA, the Australian Recording Industry Association, at a **public hearing in Canberra tomorrow, 5 October 2012**. As a national industry association, ARIA represents the interests of more than 100 members, from small labels run by fewer than five people, to large companies with international affiliates.

While ARIA has not made a formal submission to the inquiry, the Committee is interested in hearing the perspective from the recording industry - including the costs and other impacts on Australian artists of copyright infringement.

'The inquiry into IT price discrimination has generated a great deal of interest, judging by submissions and also by community responses on social media like twitter,' said Committee Chair, Mr Nick Champion MP.

The hearing will be held in Committee Room 1R1 in Parliament House, from 11.30am (concluding at approximately 12.30pm). A program has been posted to the Committee website and can be accessed via [this link](#).

For further information on the Committee's inquiry, please visit the inquiry website at www.aph.gov.au/itpricing

For inquiry information: including the terms of reference and submissions, go to: www.aph.gov.au/itpricing, or contact the secretariat on (02) 6277 2352.

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