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Department of Communications and the Arts 2 Phillip Law Street Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Sir/Madam

## **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (SERVICE PROVIDERS) REGULATIONS 2018**

APRA AMCOS is grateful for the opportunity to make a submission to the Department of Communications and the Arts (**Department**) in response to the *Copyright Amendment* (Service Providers) Regulations 2018 (Regulations).

As you may be aware, APRA is the public performance royalty collecting society in Australia for authors and publishers of musical works. AMCOS is a collecting society which collects and distributes royalties for reproduction rights in musical works on behalf of its members, namely composers, writers and music publishers. Together, APRA AMCOS control the copyright for such purposes in almost all commercially available musical works, by virtue of assignments from its local members and affiliations with similar overseas societies.

APRA AMCOS represents of over 95,000 Australian and New Zealand songwriters and music publishers, with a diverse membership, ranging from unpublished writers to major music publishers. We administers licenses with more than 60,000 Australian businesses to play, perform, copy, record or make available our members' music, and we distribute the royalties to our members.

APRA AMCOS is a stakeholder of Music Rights Australia and endorses their submission in this consultation.

We thank the Department for the opportunity to comment on this review. If we can be of any further assistance in regards to this matter please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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