Music Rights Australia’s Response to Productivity Commission Report

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ANNEXURE B
STAND UP TO PROTECT AUSTRALIA’S CREATORS

We represent Australia’s content, creative and entertainment sector, producing creative works and stories across screen, music, literature and the arts. We are significant contributors to Australian culture, jobs and the economy.

The Government plans to introduce copyright laws that will benefit Australian teachers, libraries and people with disabilities. We support those changes.

However we oppose the proposed safe harbour change which will significantly harm Australia’s creative content community.

For our creative community that change will further weaken copyright protection over their work, but does not impact Australia’s teachers, libraries and people with disabilities.

It is a backward step that threatens jobs and the ability of many creative Australians to earn a living.

We call on the Government to immediately drop the safe harbour proposal and engage in meaningful consultation to achieve the scheme our creators deserve.