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Dear Sir/Madam

Australian Writers' Guild Authorship Collecting Society Limited application for authorisation AA1000642 – interested party consultation

On 25 May 2023, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) received an application for authorisation from the Australian Writers' Guild Authorship Collecting Society Limited (**Writers' Guild**). This letter is to invite you to comment on that application. You are welcome to pass this letter on to others who may wish to make submissions.

The Writers' Guild is seeking authorisation¹ under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth). Authorisation would give it legal protection from competition laws to amend its constitution (with member approval) to allow members to assign their rights to receive Secondary Royalties to the Writers' Guild as a condition of their membership with the Writers' Guild being granted for prospective, or continued for current, Writers' Guild members. The proposed conduct relates to all members who write, or may write, either a script or screenplay for a film, television program or any other audio-visual production, which would thereby entitle them to receive Secondary Royalties.

The Writers' Guild is seeking authorisation for ten years. A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#).

Making a submission

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the application for authorisation. In making your submission, please provide information, evidence and views about the likely public benefits, effects on competition and any other public detriment that you consider will result from the proposed conduct.

If you intend to provide a submission, please do so by **28 June 2023**. If you wish to request an extension, please contact us on the details below as early as possible. Submissions after the due date (or after any extension granted) may not be taken into account.

Submissions should be lodged via the web form accessible on the public register page for this matter. Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Anna Pound via the details at the end of this letter.

Your submission **will** be placed on the ACCC's [authorisations public register on the internet](#) unless you have made a request (with reasons) for us to exclude part or all of the submission from the public register. (see [Guidelines for Excluding Information from the](#)

¹ For information about Authorisations, please see <https://www.accc.gov.au/business/exemptions/authorisation>

[Public Register for more information on how to make a request and how we assess requests\).](#)

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information, and an up to date version (including any changes) will be posted on the public register.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
25 May 2023	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
7 June 2023	Public consultation process begins.
28 June 2023	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
July 2023	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
Late July 2023	Draft determination.
August 2023	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
September/ October 2023	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Anna Pound on (03) 9290 6920 or exemptions@accc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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