



**APRA  
AMCOS**

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Ticket Reselling Consultation Paper  
Small Business and Consumer Policy Division  
The Treasury  
Langton Crescent  
PARKES ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

**CONSULTATION REGULATION IMPACT STATEMENT: TICKET RESELLING IN AUSTRALIA**

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 licenses organisations to play, perform, copy, record or make available our members' music, including from live performances, and we distribute the royalties to our members.

APRA AMCOS agrees with the Treasury's observation in the Impact Statement that the live performance industry is an important part of the Australian economy. During 2016-17, APRA AMCOS collected \$20.4m in revenue from live music performances, which was a 15.9% increase on the previous year. This represents approximately 14% of APRA AMCOS' total revenue and a significant portion of member earnings.

In making this submission on behalf of its more than 110,000 members, APRA AMCOS acknowledges the significant and ongoing difficulties associated with secondary ticket selling in Australia as recognised in the Impact Statement and supports initiatives for appropriate regulatory reform in that regard.

Nonetheless, APRA AMCOS acknowledges that, while the secondary ticketing market is a very important issue for our members, our organisation has limited specialist expertise in this area. In recognition of that, APRA AMCOS has been provided a copy of the submission to this Consultation by the Live Music Office (**LMO**) (a body partly funded by APRA AMCOS), and endorses the recommendations contained in that submission.

We thank Treasury for the opportunity to make our voice heard. 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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