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Australian Institute of Architects

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Environment
and Communications
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary,

Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Go for Fair Use) Bill 2013

The Institute is concerned about that part of the Bill which is described by the following in the Explanatory Memorandum:

“ Item 28 inserts a fair use provision to the Copyright Act reform which shifts Australian law to the US model. Such a technically neutral doctrine would allow the law to respond to developments in technology. “

In our recent submission to the Australian Law Reform Commission, in relation to its proposal of a fair use exception, we pointed out the reasons we consider this inappropriate, particularly as it relates to small and ‘under’ resourced copyright holders, who will find it unduly difficult to protect their economic rights.

We request that the Committee pay due attention to the issues outlined in our submission, which I enclose with this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

Encl: Australian Institute of Architects’ submission: “Copyright and the Digital Economy (Fair Use Exception)”