



Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committees on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport  
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Dear Committee Secretary

**Inquiry into Australia Council Bill 2013 and related Bill**

The Australian Copyright Council (ACC) is an independent, not-for-profit organisation, founded in 1968. The ACC has 24 member organisations. These include the peak bodies for Australian creators as well as the major collecting societies. This represents over a million writers, musicians, visual artists, designers, photographers, directors, performers, choreographers, producers, publishers, record labels and architects working in Australian creative industries.

The ACC has three key functions: information, advice and advocacy on copyright law and practice for Australian creators and the broader community.

The ACC has a longstanding relationship with the Australia Council for the Arts, having been one of the original recipients of Australia Council funding. The ACC continues to receive a significant part of its funding from the Australia Council.

The ACC participated in the Government's consultation process in developing the National Cultural Policy: *Creative Australia* and in the Review of the Australia Council. The ACC supports the Australia Council Bill 2013 and the Australia Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013.

Please do not hesitate to contact the ACC should we be able to provide further information or assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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