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HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS  
Public hearings: Australian music industry

Chair: Luke Howarth MP  
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## Committee to speak to Spotify, ABC, and APRA AMCOS at upcoming public hearings

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Communications and the Arts will hold public hearings in Melbourne on Wednesday, 21 November and in Sydney on Thursday, 22 November for its inquiry into the Australian music industry.

The Chair, Mr Luke Howarth MP, said that the committee is continuing to examine the potential for continued growth and the factors affecting the success of the Australian music industry, both domestically and internationally.

‘The rise of music streaming services, such as Spotify, have revolutionised the music industry. The recent return to growth experienced by the industry has been attributed to the rapid and continued consumer uptake of streaming services, which now account for more than half the overall recorded music market.’ Mr Howarth said.

‘We are very interested to hear Spotify’s views on the Australian music industry—to learn how we can support this growth and how we can grow the reach of Australian music here and overseas.’

The committee will also be speaking to the peak bodies of the radio industry.

‘Radio remains one of the most popular ways that Australians listen to and discover new music. The committee is keen to speak to radio—public, commercial, and community—to hear how we can best support and promote Australian music.’ Mr Howarth said.

The committee will hear from the major copyright collecting organisations APRA AMCOS and PPCA, which are responsible for collecting and distributing royalties for artists and publishers. It will also hear from a range of other organisations and experts representing record labels, venues, live music, music education and mental health support services for artists and music workers.

The public hearings will be broadcast [live on the web](#) (audio only).

### Public hearing details:

#### MELBOURNE

**Date:** Wednesday, 21 November 2018

**Time:** 9.00am to 3.30pm

**Venue:** Federation Room, Parliament of Victoria, Spring Street, EAST MELBOURNE

#### SYDNEY

**Date:** Thursday, 22 November 2018

**Time:** 8.30am to 4.30pm

**Venue:** Composite Room, Sydney Masonic Conference and Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, SYDNEY

Programs for the hearings are available on the committee’s [website](#).

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