



SUBMISSION ON COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (SERVICE PROVIDERS) BILL 2017 30 JANUARY 2018

SBS is pleased to make a submission to the Office of the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (**the Committee**) as part of the inquiry into the Copyright Amendment (Service Providers) Bill 2017 (**the Bill**).

SBS supports a flexible future-proof copyright regime which minimises the legal risk for the organisation and enables it to achieve its Charter responsibilities. As Australia's multicultural public broadcaster, SBS has a core Charter function to provide multilingual and multicultural radio, television and online services that inform, educate and entertain all Australians and, in doing so, reflect Australia's multicultural society. It reaches its audience across four free to air television channels (SBS, SBS VICELAND, NITV and the Food Network), on radio in 68 languages, via SBS On Demand and on a range of online platforms and social media services. In addition to these core activities, SBS acts as a key cultural institution, being declared as such in 2011 on the basis of its significant repository of historically and culturally significant Australian audio and audio-visual material. In its 40 years of operation, SBS has amassed an extensive archive of primarily third-party owned content.

SBS supports the Bill, which proposes to expand the existing safe harbour regime to a limited range of other service providers, including SBS. However, we note that it is only one small piece in the puzzle of copyright law reform, and that there is much still to be done before Australia has a flexible future-proof copyright legal regime. We note that the government plans to consult in 2018 on important issues such as orphan works and flexible exceptions to copyright infringement which may impact and interact with the Bill, for example. SBS looks forward to the opportunity to take part in those consultations.