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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
Department of the Senate
P O Box 6100
Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Re Provisions of the Copyright Amendment Bill 2006

Ringwood Film and Video Makers Inc (RFVM) wish to make a submission on behalf of movie makers who belong to our club who wish to use music in their movies.

Movies made by these members are non-commercial, non theatrical in that they are not made to be sold, or to be screened for payment. They may be screened for other Club members , and for non-profit organisations.

Such members were previously covered by a licensing agreement between Federation of Australian Movie Makers (FAMM) and ARIA, where members attributed music used, reported all music used to ARIA, and paid an annual fee. This arrangement has broken down, as ARIA advise they are no longer able to provide such a licence.

The conditions for the AMCOS Domestic Use Video Licences – single event and annual licence do not effectively cover Club members.

Club members are quite prepared to attribute music used, report all music used , and if necessary pay a reasonable annual fee to an appropriate body.

We request that the Government consider the position of Club members in the light of proposals (announced 13 May 2006) to allow “other cultural institutions” to use copyright material for “non-commercial purposes”, by making it possible to include our Club under the heading of “other cultural institutions”

When the Bill was referred to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 19th Oct 2006, we noted that “consumers will no longer be breaching the law when they.....copy CDs they own into a different format” We submit that proviso should also cover music used in non commercial and non theatrical movies made by Club members.

Yours faithfully,

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