

HELP KEEP CREATORS CREATING



Artist member Adam Hill, AKA Blak Douglas. Photo: Nick Cubbin.

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Artists

THE SITUATION NOW

How creators are paid under the current copyright system in Australia.



- © Copyright protects your art, music and stories.
- © Copyright means people need to ask permission to reproduce your artworks
- © Copyright means if you want payment from someone to reproduce your artwork, you can ask for it.

Fair work for fair reward – that's what copyright is about.

IF USA STYLE 'FAIR USE' IS IMPOSED

In the USA, the copyright law says that in some situations anyone can use an artist's work, including by changing it in some way. They don't even have to ask permission or pay a fee. It's called 'Fair Use' but it is really NOT FAIR. The Productivity Commission in Canberra is recommending the Government adopt something similar here.



In cases such as these, under Fair Use it will be up to the artist to pursue legal action. In the US, because 'Fair Use' is judged on a case-by-case basis, many people end up in court.

Does that sound fair to you?

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This is not just unfair, it is a threat to the artistic mob and means it may be even harder for the next generation of artists to make a living.

Kids should be able to grow up inspired by artists like Blak Douglas and Emily Kame Kngwarreye, listening to music from artists like Dan Sultan and Jessica Mauboy, watching movies like *Bran Nue Dae* and *Samson & Delilah*, TV shows like *Black Comedy* and *Basically Black* and reading books like *Shake a Leg* and *My Place*.

WHAT'S AT RISK

- ⊙ Creators' incomes disappear
- ⊙ Less Australian art, music and stories
- ⊙ More court cases
- ⊙ Economic loss of \$1 billion+ and around 11,000 jobs (PwC, 2016)

KEEP CREATORS CREATING – REJECT FAIR USE

Want to protect your rights and the rights of the arts community?

- ⊙ Drop into your local art centre and sign a petition.
- ⊙ Write a letter to your local MP. Call us and we can show you how.
- ⊙ Spread the word. Tell others you know to stand up for creators.
If you want to learn more, go to www.copyright.com.au/fair-use

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