



Barnsey tells NSW to finally get it write

COPY CHAOS

AUSTRALIAN rock legend Jimmy Barnes has added his weight to the push for the NSW government to pay thousands of writers, photographers and illustrators the millions of dollars owed to them in copyright fees.

But Premier Gladys Berejiklian — known for her love of books — yes-

terday claimed she was unaware of the issue until The Daily Telegraph broke the story and would seek more information.

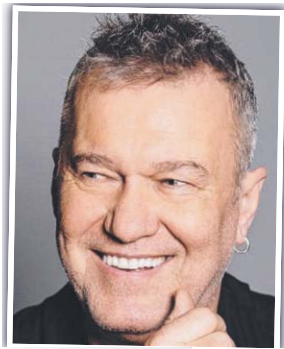
“The first I heard of it was when I read about it this morning so apparently that’s been going on for a number of years so I’ll have to get a briefing on that,” she said.

In a tweet that referred to The Telegraph’s story, the Working Class

Man singer wrote: “Time for NSW to do what other states do when it comes to copyright”.

It comes after best-selling author Tara Moss fronted a push by authors calling for the government to pay the going rate for using their material.

The government is set to go into mediation hearings after holding out for seven years over a measly \$7 million owed in the fees.



Jimmy Barnes.