

Response to News Media Bargaining Incentive Consultation Paper

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the News Media Bargaining Incentive Consultation (NMBI) Paper.

About us

We are a not-for-profit copyright management organisation, whose 40,000 members include the vast majority of Australian news media organisations. We also work closely with peak bodies for news media organisations such as Local and Independent News Australia (LINA) and Country Press Australia.

We currently make copyright payments to news media organisations from a range of licence fees, from different sources, that we collect. These include our licences for media monitoring organisations, our 'blanket' annual licences for Australian businesses, and the statutory licence schemes that we manage by Government appointment for the government sector and the education sector. In 2024–25, we distributed \$113m (from all the licence schemes that we manage) to more than 27,000 recipients, that included large, medium and small news media organisations and journalists.

We are also appointed by the Australian Government to manage the [artists' resale royalty scheme](#), which requires resellers of certain artworks to pay a 5% royalty on the resale price.

We provide [detailed annual reports](#) to the Government, which are tabled in Parliament. The licence schemes that we manage, and distribution arrangements for statutory licence schemes, can be referred to the [Copyright Tribunal of Australia](#). We are also signatories the [Code of Conduct for Copyright Collecting Societies](#), and our compliance with the Code is reviewed annually by a former judge of the Federal Court.

How we can help

We can assist with distributing funds to those that the NMBI is intended to benefit, particularly smaller news media organisations, as we are already making payments to them from other sources.