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Executive Director
Australian Law Reform Commission
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CC: Attorney General the Hon. Mark Dreyfus QC MP

Sent by email

Dear Executive Director,

Re: Copyright licence fees for dental practices

As the peak national professional body representing almost 15,000 dentists and dental students across both the public and private health sectors, the Australian Dental Association Inc. (ADA) would like to thank the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) for the invitation to comment on its Discussion Paper, *Copyright and the Digital Economy*.

The ALRC is requested to consider the ADA's previous submission to the Issues Paper by the same name as this Discussion Paper (**Attachment A** – note other attendant attachments will be included). The previous submission constitutes the ADA's response to this Discussion Paper, which requests:

- 1. The ALRC recommend to the Attorney General the provision of an exemption for dental practices that broadcast copyright works and recordings within dental surgeries from having to pay licence fees to Copyright Collecting Societies under the *Copyright Act 1968* (Copyright Act).**
- 2. The exemption is to apply to the broadcast of copyright works, whether it be audio (such as music from a CD or the radio), or video (such as from DVD or the TV), if the primary purpose of the delivery of the copyrighted material is to provide a therapeutic benefit.**
- 3. If necessary amend the *Copyright Act* to give effect to these recommendations.**

The ADA suggests that the Attorney General adopt a broader flexible exception that is based on 'reasonableness' or other criteria (such as therapeutic benefit) within the concept of fair use.

If you require further information, please contact the ADA's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Robert Boyd-Boland, at ceo@ada.org.au or call 02 9906 4412.

Yours sincerely,

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