

screenrights

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Ms Helen Daniels
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Dear Helen

**Submission: Policy Review Concerning Unauthorised Access To And Use Of
Subscription Broadcasts**

Screenrights is a non-profit copyright collecting society for rightsholders in film, script, music, sound recordings of music and artistic works in film, television and radio programs. Screenrights administers copyright royalties collected under provisions in the Australian and New Zealand Copyright Acts.

Screenrights has been declared by the Attorney-General to collect educational royalties under Part VA and VB of the Copyright Act and has been declared by the Copyright Tribunal to collect royalties for government copying under s183 of the Copyright Act. As a declared society, our operations are overseen by the Attorney-General who tables our Annual Report. We also adhere to the voluntary code of conduct for collecting societies

Relevantly for the purposes of this review, Screenrights is the declared society for the purposes of administering Part VC (or the retransmission statutory licence provisions) of the *Copyright Act 1968* (Cth).

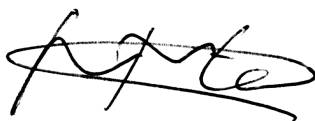
Screenrights welcomes the government's commitment to "review our domestic policy relating to criminalisation of all forms of satellite signal piracy, including unauthorised distribution or receipt of signals by commercial establishments and within the home..."

Screenrights has had the opportunity to read the ASTRA submission on unauthorised access to and use of subscription broadcasts. As the declared society under Part VC of the Copyright Act Screenrights supports ASTRA's submission seeking to strengthen its ability to prevent and prosecute signal piracy.

Screenrights agrees that piracy harms the ability of copyright owners to benefit from the exploitation of their work. Screenrights agrees with ASTRA's rationale and supports their submission in principle.

Should you require any additional information from Screenrights in this regard please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive