Each of the copyright collecting societies, Australasian Performing Right Association Limited ("APRA"), Australasian Mechanical Copyright Owners Society Limited ("AMCOS"), Phonographic Performance Company of Australia Limited ("PPCA"), Copyright Agency Limited ("Copyright Agency"), Audio-Visual Copyright Society Limited ("Screenrights"), Australian Writers’ Guild Authorship Collecting Society Limited ("AWGACS") and Australian Screen Directors Authorship Collecting Society Limited ("ASDACS"), subscribes to a code of conduct. In its original form, the Code came into effect in July 2002, with the most recent update 1 July 2019.

A copy of the Code is available on each Society’s website or from the Code of Conduct for Copyright Collecting Societies website https://www.copyrightcodeofconduct.org.au/code and can be downloaded or, if requested, a copy can be supplied by post.

Compliance by participating collecting societies with the Code’s standards of conduct is the subject of an independent annual review. The Code Reviewer for this purpose is former Federal Court judge and former President of the Copyright Tribunal of Australia, The Hon Kevin Lindgren AM, QC. He is currently reviewing the Societies’ compliance with the Code during the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

The Code allows for interested parties to make submissions to the Code Reviewer concerning a collecting society’s compliance or non-compliance with the Code. Accordingly, should you wish to make such a submission to Dr Lindgren, please do so to the address above by no later than 31 July 2020.

It would assist if your submission referred to any particular provision of the Code with which you contend that a collecting society has not complied.