

Productivity Commission

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Today, our CEO Matthew Deaner noted the Government's response to the Productivity Commission's report on Intellectual Property arrangements, which was released late Friday afternoon.

"As I said when the Productivity Commission's report was released, the recommendations are an attack on Australia's creative community. While the Government's response mediates some of the harder edges of Productivity Commission's recommendations, it does not reject them; for example, merely "noting" the dangerous recommendations around geo-blocking."

"Significant issues such as fair use and safe harbour have been kicked into the long grass for further consultation, generating further uncertainty. These two issues have been the subject of several Government reviews over the past decade. Views are well known. Simply put, if implemented, they will be an instrument of wealth transfer from Australia's creative community to Silicon Valley."

"The Government has agreed to greater coordination of policy making with respect to intellectual property. I welcome this sensible approach and Screen Producers Australia will continue to engage with the Government on these significant copyright issues."

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About Screen Producers Australia:

Screen Producers Australia was formed by the screen industry to represent large and small enterprises across a diverse production slate of feature film, television and interactive content. Our members employ hundreds of producers, thousands of related practitioners and drive more than \$1.7 billion worth of annual production activity from the independent sector. On behalf of these businesses we are focused on delivering a healthy commercial environment through ongoing engagement with elements of the labour force, including directors, writers, actors and crew, as well as with broadcasters, distributors and government in all its various forms. This coordinated dialogue ensures that our industry is successful, employment levels are strong and the community's expectations of access to high quality Australian content have been met.