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MUSIC RIGHTS AUSTRALIA, the artist formerly known as MIPI

ARIA and APRA | AMCOS have announced today that their joint venture body MIPI has been renamed MUSIC RIGHTS AUSTRALIA, effective immediately.

The new name better reflects the organisation's focus on the rights of Australian music creators and performers, specifically its role in advocacy, education and protection. A new-look website also provides easily-accessible information and resources for stakeholders and the wider public.

MUSIC RIGHTS AUSTRALIA General Manager Vanessa Hutley said that while the name had changed, the core values had not.

"MIPI has always focused its efforts on the three core areas of advocacy, education and protection to highlight the valuable contribution that music labels and publishers make to the Australian economy through their investment in new and emerging talent," Ms Hutley said.

"We feel that Music Rights Australia captures those three areas of focus and is more representative of the breadth of our ongoing work".

"We are also excited about the launch of our new website, which we hope will be a helpful reference point for those looking for information on copyright relating to the use of music".

MUSIC RIGHTS AUSTRALIA is a joint venture between the Australian recorded music sector (represented by the Australian Recording Industry Association - ARIA) and Australian songwriters, composers and music publishers (represented by the Australasian Performing Right Association Ltd - APRA and the Australasian Mechanical Copyright Owners' Society Limited - AMCOS), representing more than 70,000 songwriters, composers, music publishers and record labels.

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MUSIC RIGHTS AUSTRALIA aims to ensure that the works created by its music industry stakeholders are respected and appropriately rewarded and protected. It also seeks to improve the awareness of intellectual property rights among music fans and the wider Australian community.

ARIA CEO Dan Rosen supported the name change to MUSIC RIGHTS AUSTRALIA as an acknowledgement of the core focus of the organisation.

“Music Rights Australia performs a vital role in educating the public on the rights of our Australian artists and the damaging effect that copyright infringement has on an artist's ability to earn a living from their creative work,” Mr Rosen said.

“ARIA welcomes the name change and supports the continued good work of our industry's music rights body.”

APRA | AMCOS CEO Brett Cottle said that MUSIC RIGHTS AUSTRALIA had an important role to play in improving investment and employment prospects in the music industry.

“It's vital that the music industry advocates for the rights of music creators and performers, who contribute enormously to the cultural and economic wealth of our country,” Mr Cottle said.

“Music Rights Australia will provide simple to understand information about music copyright and promote and protect the rights of music creators and performers. “

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