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Subject: Copyright reform, as proposed by Productivity Commission

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To Productivity Commission;

Democratic Pirates Australia has reviewed the Intellectual Property Arrangements Draft Report and its key proposals put forth to initiate and provide guidance in an effort to support reform of Australia's intellectual property laws and legislation.

Our Party would like to present to the Productivity Commission the following Submission document, in response to the recommendations for copyright reform.

Two of Democratic Pirates Australia's core Party Principles include protection of the freedoms provided by digital information capabilities and restoration of the freedoms and balance lost through the encroachment of harmful and overbearing intellectual monopolies through copyright.

We believe the proposals for copyright reform set out in the Draft Report take a realistic and workable approach to the common problems that arise from current restrictions imposed by Australian intellectual property and copyright laws.

Current Australian copyright law is essentially holding back creativity, free and fair usage rights of copyrighted digital media and do not reflect usage rights which respect consumers who legally purchase rights to specific digital media. Furthermore, creativity is being hampered by over-zealous and lengthy copyright duration which at its current level, is far too long and unfair for consumer rights.

Democratic Pirates Australia commends the Draft Report and our Party offers our full support for all its included proposals.

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