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To whom it may concern

ACNC Regulatory Approach—statement for consultation

AMPAG is the representative body for the 28 not-for-profit Major Performing Arts companies in Australia. These companies are registered as charities with Deductible Gift Recipient status. We have made many submissions to the government about the reform of the NFP sector, including governance arrangements, definition of charity, implementation design, tax concessions and responses to the Exposure Bills.

Without reiterating our previous comments and recommendations we have the following general observations and comments to make about the ACNC's regulatory approach.

We fully support the role and objectives of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. We would especially emphasise the importance of the objective to streamline reporting among levels of government and different agencies. Our companies spend a lot of time and resources in reporting compliance, and would greatly appreciate not having their reporting obligations duplicated across governments and agencies.

We appreciate the ACNC's availability for consultation and interaction with charities. However, we believe it could be useful for both the ACNC and for our member companies if an ACNC representative met with us at one of our member meetings. We hold regular state-based meetings with our member companies, and would be pleased to arrange for an ACNC representative to attend one, ideally in either Sydney or Melbourne.

We also agree with the ACNC's graduated response in identifying and dealing with risk. Again, we would like to emphasise our support for ACNC use of education and help to develop sector skills, knowledge and regulatory compliance ahead of more draconian adversarial measures.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Kind regards

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Appendix A: List of AMPAG Member Companies & their location

Adelaide Symphony Orchestra	South Australia
Australian Brandenburg Orchestra	New South Wales
Australian Chamber Orchestra	New South Wales
Bangarra Dance Theatre	New South Wales
Bell Shakespeare	New South Wales
Belvoir	New South Wales
Black Swan State Theatre Company	Western Australia
Circus Oz	Victoria
Malthouse Theatre	Victoria
Melbourne Symphony Orchestra	Victoria
Melbourne Theatre Company	Victoria
Musica Viva Australia	New South Wales
Opera Australia	New South Wales
Opera Queensland	Queensland
Orchestra Victoria	Victoria
Queensland Ballet	Queensland
Queensland Symphony Orchestra	Queensland
Queensland Theatre Company	Queensland
State Opera South Australia	South Australia
State Theatre Company of South Australia	South Australia
Sydney Dance Company	New South Wales
Sydney Symphony	New South Wales
Sydney Theatre Company	New South Wales
The Australian Ballet	Victoria
Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra	Tasmania
Western Australian Ballet	Western Australia
West Australian Opera	Western Australia
West Australian Symphony Orchestra	Western Australia