

Best Independent Release – Confirmation Form

		BEST INDEPENDENT RELEASE – CONFIRMATION FORM	
First Name:		Surname:	
Record Company Name:		Record Company ABN:	
Record Company Registered Business Address:			

I confirm the following to the Australian Recording Industry Association Limited (“ARIA”) on behalf of the Record Company:

- I confirm that I hold this position at the Record Company, and the statement ticked below is true and correct (*please tick only one box*):

☐ I am the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) ☐ I am the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) ☐ I am a Company Director
- The Record Company wants to enter a release for consideration in the “Best Independent Release” category in the 2026 ARIA Awards. The title of the single or album that the Record Company wants to enter is set out in Schedule 1 (the “**Nominated Recording/s**”).
- I confirm that the statement ticked below is true and correct for the duration of the Eligibility Period (*please tick only one box*):

Option A	Option B
☐ The Artist/Group (defined in Schedule 1) or the Record Company: (i) funds all artist and repertoire and marketing costs for the Nominated Recording/s; and (ii) undertakes its own local marketing and promotion (including media and digital service provider servicing) for the Nominated Recording/s. I confirm that only the people listed in Schedule 2 provided the media and digital service provider servicing for the Nominated Recording/s during the Eligibility Period.	☐ One of the ARIA Levy Members or EMI Music Australia Pty Ltd (“EMI”) has provided the artist and repertoire costs and/or the marketing costs for the Nominated Recording but: (i) these aforementioned costs are fully recoupable and repayable in full to the ARIA Levy Member or EMI; and (ii) the Artist/Group (defined in Schedule 1) or the Record Company undertakes its own local marketing and promotion (including media and digital service provider servicing) for the Nominated Recording/s. I confirm that only the people listed in Schedule 2 provided the media and digital service provider servicing for the Nominated Recording/s during the Eligibility Period.

- I confirm that the Record Company is not owned in whole or in part by any of the ARIA Levy Members, EMI or their respective affiliates or subsidiaries during the Eligibility Period.
- I confirm that the Record Company has not entered into an exclusive licence for Australia with any of the ARIA Levy Members, EMI or their respective affiliates or subsidiaries in respect of the Nominated Recording/s during the Eligibility Period.
- I agree that the CEO, CFO or a Director of the Record Company will sign a Statutory Declaration, if requested by ARIA, in order to confirm the statements set out in this form and the eligibility of the Record Company’s entry. I agree that if ARIA requires a Statutory Declaration to be signed, it will be in a format provided by ARIA and it will be properly signed, witnessed, and returned to ARIA within 2 business days of receipt of the request from ARIA. If ARIA does not receive the properly signed Statutory Declaration within 2 business days, then ARIA may at its discretion, exclude the Record Company’s entry in the “Best Independent Release” category.

DEFINITIONS

ARIA Levy Members means Sony Music Entertainment Australia Pty Ltd, Universal Music Australia Pty Limited and Warner Music Australia Pty Limited.

Eligibility Period means the period occurring between 23 August 2025 and 21 August 2026 inclusive.

SCHEDULE 1: NOMINATED RECORDING/S

Title of Nominated Single or Album	Artist/Group

SCHEDULE 2: MEDIA AND DIGITAL SERVICE PROVIDER SERVICING PERSONNEL

Name of Person	Name of Employer/Company

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNATURE

I certify that my responses in this form are true and complete.

Signature:

Date: