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Dear Ms. Yue,

Re: Bills Committee on Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2009

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Invitation for submission

We refer to a letter dated 2 June 2009 from our Ms. Joyce Wong, Director of Practitioners Affairs and apologise for not being able to finalise our comments on the Bill until now.

The Law Society's Intellectual Property Committee noted that the relevant stakeholders are supportive of the proposals. However it seems from the reports of the Bills Committee that some Bills Committee members are concerned as to how Schedule 1AA will work in practice. The Committee takes the view that it is unduly detailed, over complex and difficult in places to understand.

As we have indicated previously, the Committee is preparing comments on the Bill and would also welcome an opportunity to have the provisions explained or clarified. In particular we draw attention to the meaning of "qualifying copy" and its relationship to Sections 3, 6 and 8 of Schedule 1AA.

We hope to be able to let you have the Committee's fuller comments later this week.

Yours sincerely,

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