



# Petition to Antony Catalano

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We, the staff at Australian Community Media, write to express our extreme disappointment in the company's recent decision to cancel copyright payments to us.

Throughout 2020, staff have endured stand-downs, seen mastheads close, been directed to take long accrued leave and worked harder than ever.

We are proud to be the voices of our local mastheads, and proud to speak to and for towns and regions.

To lose the long standing copyright payment, with no notice or empathy was insulting. That this payment, relied on by many staff, was withdrawn just weeks before Christmas has been particularly hard to swallow.

**We deserve better.**

We want a thriving business we can be proud of, one whose newspapers are respected throughout the nation. We also want dignity and respect for the work we do, and a recognition for the sacrifices we have made and continue to make to support Australian Community Media.

We ask you to reverse the decision to remove copyright payments for your staff and recognise your employees for the loyalty and dedication they have shown over 2020, and the many years prior.

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