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**NZFACT welcomes release of Commerce Committee report
on online filesharing bill**

NZFACT welcomes the release of the Commerce Committee report into its recommendations on the final shape of the Copyright (Infringing File Sharing) Amendment Bill.

“We thank the Committee members for their work in refining the draft amendment bill,” said NZFACT executive director Tony Eaton.

“There are a number of changes that the Committee has recommended - some of which appear to be helpful and others which may detract from its effectiveness - that we are reviewing in further detail.

“But the report does confirm the Government’s agreement that a legislative solution is an appropriate response to the legitimate concerns of New Zealand’s copyright holders and we are gratified to see the process move forward.

“If done right, the Copyright (Infringing File Sharing) Amendment Bill will go a long way towards reducing the level of online copyright infringement, as research has shown that seven in ten people will stop upon receiving the first notice from their ISP.

“Coupled with further investment in education initiatives, the amendment bill will help ensure greater protection for the local industry, which provides 22,000 jobs and is worth \$2.5 billion to the New Zealand economy,” said Eaton.

About NZFACT: *The New Zealand Federation Against Copyright Theft was established in 2005 by the Motion Picture Association to protect the film industry in New Zealand from the adverse impact of copyright theft. NZFACT works closely with its members, government and enforcement authorities to protect the New Zealand film and television industry, retailers and movie fans. NZFACT members include: Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures, New Zealand; Paramount Pictures Corporation; Sony Pictures Releasing International Corporation; Twentieth Century Fox International Corporation; Universal International Films, Inc.; and Warner Bros. Pictures International, a division of Warner Bros. Pictures Inc.*

NZFACT works in association with the Motion Picture Association, which represents the interests of the film industry across the world. NZFACT also has an alliance with the Recording Industry

Association of New Zealand to share information regarding copyright infringement, and is a member of the recently-formed Anti Counterfeiting Group, which represents the interests of New Zealand's major intellectual property stakeholders, such as the music industry, computer software and publishing. NZFACT has a nationwide hotline that enables the reporting of film copyright theft 24 hours a day, 7 days a week: 0800 267 9744.

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