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Your Excellency

In connection with the signing of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement, I have the honour to confirm the following:

1. The new term of protection for copyright and related rights to be provided for in Japan under the TPP Agreement exceeds the current term of protection in Japan, including under Article 15(c) of the *Treaty of Peace with Japan*, signed at San Francisco on 8 September 1951 (the 'Treaty').
2. Further to paragraph 1, Australia has decided not to enforce its rights in relation to the copyright protection provided under Article 15(c) of the Treaty, from the date of entry into force of the TPP Agreement for both Japan and Australia.

I am confident the TPP Agreement will drive economic growth in our region in the years to come, and I look forward to the TPP Agreement further strengthening the close relationship between Japan and Australia.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Robb