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ARIA unveils new format Singles and Album Charts

ARIA (Australian Recording Industry Association) is pleased today to provide to consumers a new style of singles and album chart. With the removal of the requirement of a physical release, singles, whether they be digital or physical only or a combination of both, will be included in the **Motorola ARIA Singles Chart**. This week's chart includes single sales from the chart period 27th October to 2nd November and sees two singles make the top 40 with a digital only release – Timbaland featuring One Republic at 10 with “Apologize” and Alicia Keys at 37 with “No One”. There are ten digital-only single releases to make the top 100.

The decision to dispense with the requirement that a single be available in a physical format in order to qualify for inclusion in the Motorola ARIA Singles chart is in line with clear trends in the singles market.

Additionally, today's **Motorola ARIA Album Chart** reflects a combined albums chart. Like the singles chart, it will include both digital and physical album sales. However, the requirement of a physical release still exists.

ARIA Chart and Marketing Committee Chairman and SONY BMG General Manager, Marketing, Mr John Parker, said today “The proportion of singles that are sold through digital channels has been rapidly increasing and digital sales now represent a substantial part of overall single sales. It's a testament to the ongoing accuracy and relevance of the ARIA charts that we are able to account for this. Likewise the inclusion of digital album sales in the overall album chart reflects the fact that music consumers are starting to buy their albums in what we refer to as a digital “bundle” format. It's all about choice in this day and age”.

ARIA CEO, Mr Stephen Peach, echoed this sentiment, saying “The release of music in a digital format is now a key part of our industry. The **Motorola ARIA Charts** always strive to reflect market trends and, as such, this is a logical step for the charts.”.

This week's **Motorola ARIA Album Chart** marks the triumphant return of the Eagles with their new album "Long Road Out of Eden", the band topping the chart after only half a week of sales due to an international release date embargo. Other highlights include Britney Spears debuting at 3 with "Blackout", and the remarkable post-ARIA Awards top 40 chart: Sneaky Sound System at 5 from 17 with their self-titled album, The John Butler Trio up to 6 with "Grand National", Silverchair moving from 48 to 10 with "Young Modern", Missy Higgins from 26 to 12 with "On A Clear Night", Powderfinger up to 18 from 28 with "Dream Days At The Hotel Existence" and Gotye at 36 with "Like Drawing Blood".

The **Motorola ARIA Singles Chart** this week sees Timbaland featuring Kerri Hilson at one with "The Way I Are" for a second successive week, this same single also topping the Digital Track Chart. There are 4 debuts, Sneaky Sound System have 3 singles within the top 40 and 4 of the acts who performed at the ARIA Awards last weekend see their singles either re-enter or bound up the top 40 chart, including Sneaky Sound System, Operator Please, The John Butler Trio and Silverchair.

The ARIA Awards presentation also had an effect on the **Motorola ARIA Digital Track Chart** with 5 singles from Awards performers re-entering the top 40 and Kate Miller-Heidke making her debut at 40 with "Words".

The **Motorola ARIA Charts** are available each week at www.ariacharts.com.au

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