Australian Consumer Law and Creators

An artists has rights which are enforceable under law, and they also have duties to other people. This information sheet explains what ‘liability’ means under the Australian Consumer Law and covers some of the legal duties and obligations that are relevant to artists and creators.

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An artist will usually have rights that can be enforced by an action in the courts. Equally an artist have duties to other people; so that the artist can be exposed to a legal action as the result of something they have done, or failed to do, which is a breach of a legal duty that they owe to other people.

This information sheet explains what is ‘liability’ means in relation to legal actions under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL). It also covers some of the legal duties and equitable obligations that are recognised by the courts of Australia that are relevant to artists and creators.

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