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By email

Dear Sir or Madam

Racing and Wagering Western Australia application for revocation of authorisations A91342 & A91343 and substitution of new authorisation AA1000405 – interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) is currently conducting a consultation process on an application for re-authorisation (application for revocation and substitution) received from Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWVA) on 8 November 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you, as a person who may have an interest in the application, to comment.

Application for ‘re-authorisation’

The application for re-authorisation relates to RWVA’s 2012 agreement with William Hill Australia Wagering Pty Ltd (previously Sportingbet Australia Pty Ltd and Sportingbet Holdings Ltd) (the Agreement), which governs the provision of fixed odds wagering and risk management services to RWVA by William Hill. RWVA seeks reauthorisation until 28 November 2024, the date of the expiration of the 2012 agreement.

A copy of the application is available on the ACCC’s website
www.acc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister.

In deciding whether to grant authorisation, the ACCC will consider whether the Agreement is likely to result in a public benefit that would outweigh its likely public detriment.

The previous authorisation was granted on 17 April 2013 and expires on 9 May 2018.

Request for submission

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, you consider will result from the conduct for which authorisation is sought.

Further, the ACCC invites you to outline your general experience of the Agreement during the term of the previous authorisation. The ACCC would also welcome your views on the public benefits and detriments you consider have actually resulted from the Agreement during the previous authorisation period.

If you intend to provide a submission please do so by **29 November 2017**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject “AA1000405 – Racing & Wagering Western Australia – submission”.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#).

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
8 November 2017	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
15 November 2017	Public consultation process begins.
29 November 2017	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
December 2017	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
February 2018	Draft determination.
March 2018	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
April 2018	Final determination.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time, but would like to be informed of the progress of the application at the draft and final determination stages. If you are able to, please provide a nominated contact email address for future correspondence.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the application.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Hannah Ransom on (02) 6243 1255 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



David Hatfield
Director
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List of interested parties consulted

ACT TAB Limited
Australian Associated Press Racing
Australian Bookmakers Association
Australian Greyhound Racing Association
Australian Turf Club
AustralianBookmakers.com
Bet365
BetFair Australia Pty Ltd
Bookmaker.com.au
Brisbane Racing Club Ltd
Canberra Greyhound Racing Inc
Canberra Racing Club Inc
Centrebet Racing Pty Ltd
Clubs Victoria
CrownBet
Darwin Turf Club Inc
Department of Business, Gambling and Licensing Services (NT)
Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing (Qld)
Gambling and Racing Commission (ACT)
Gaming and Wagering Commission of Western Australia
Greyhound Racing Victoria
Greyhounds Australasia
Harness Racing Australia Inc
Harness Racing Victoria
Independent Gambling Authority (SA)
Ladbrokes
Luxbet
Minister for Racing (NSW)
Minister for Racing (Tas)
Minister for Racing (Vic)
Minister for Recreation and Sport (SA)
NSW Bookmakers Co-Operative Ltd
Office for the Minister for Regulatory Services (ACT)
Office of Racing (NSW)
Office of Racing (Qld)
Office of the Minister for Racing and Gaming (WA)
Office of the Minister for Sport (Qld)
Palmerbet
Perth Racing
punters.com.au
Queensland Bookmakers' Association
Racing Australia
Racing Information Services Australia
Racing NSW
Racing Queensland Ltd
Racing Services Tasmania (Office of Racing Integrity)
Racing Victoria Limited
South Australian Bookmakers League Inc
South Australian Jockey Club
TABCORP Holdings Limited
Tas Racing Pty Ltd
Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission
Tasmanian Racing Club

Tasmanian Turf Club
TattsBet Ltd
Thoroughbred Racing NT
Thoroughbred Racing SA Limited
TopBetta
Unibet
Victoria Bookmakers' Association Ltd
Victoria Racing Club
Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation
WA Bookmakers Association Inc