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Dear Sir/Madam

Racing and Wagering Western Australia application for minor variation of Authorisation AA1000423—interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**the ACCC**) has received an application from Racing and Wagering Western Australia (**RWWA**) for a minor variation of Authorisation AA1000423. The ACCC invites you to comment on the application. Attached is a summary of the authorisation process including how to make a submission to the ACCC.

Authorisation AA1000423 was granted by the ACCC on 31 August 2018 allowing RWWA to give effect to a management services agreement governing the provision of fixed odds wagering and risk management services until the expiration of that agreement on 30 December 2028.

Proposed minor variation to AA1000423

RWWA has applied for a minor variation of the authorisation in anticipation of the sale by the Western Australian Government of the wagering business conducted by RWWA. The changes relate to the current relationship between RWWA and TSG Wagering/BetEasy, including a reduction in fees and provisions relating to the platform used to provide services to RWWA (such as how outages are dealt with).

Importantly, the ACCC notes that the terms of the minor variation sought would not cover any post-sale relationship between the purchaser and TSG Wagering/BetEasy.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's website (www.acc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister). Alternatively, you can contact Tom Whitby on 02 6243 1012 to obtain a hard copy of the application and submission.

Request for submissions

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed variation.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to RWWA's application for authorisation, please do so by **24 March 2020**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject 'AA1000423 – Racing and Wagering Western Australia – Minor Variation – Submission'.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Tom Whitby on 02 6243 1012 to organise a suitable time. You can also forward this letter to any party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding this application for minor variation.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion.

Timetable

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

14 February 2020	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
10 March 2020	Public consultation process begins.
24 March 2020	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
March/April 2020	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
April 2020	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 Tom Whitby on 02 6243 1012 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Interested Parties

Australian Associated Press Racing
Australian Bookmakers Association
Australian Greyhound Racing Association
Australian Turf Club
Bet365
BetFair Australia Pty Ltd
Bookmaker.com.au
Brisbane Racing Club Ltd
Canberra Greyhound Racing Inc
Canberra Racing Club Inc
Clubs Victoria
Darwin Turf Club Inc
Department of Business, Gambling and Licensing Services (NT)
Gambling and Racing Commission (ACT)
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (WA)
Greyhound Racing Victoria
Greyhounds Australasia
Harness Racing Australia Inc
Harness Racing Victoria
Independent Gambling Authority (SA)
Ladbrokes
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)
Liquor & Gaming 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
Racing 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
Thoroughbred Racing NT
Thoroughbred Racing SA Limited
PlayUp
Unibet
Victoria Bookmakers' Association Ltd
Victoria Racing Club
Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation
WA Bookmakers Association Inc