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Interested party
By email

Dear Sir/Madam,

Racing and Wagering Western Australia application for authorisation AA1000423 – interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**the ACCC**) has received an application for re-authorisation (i.e. an application for revocation and substitution) from Racing and Wagering Western Australia (**RWWA**) on 24 May 2018. 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.

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’

In April 2018 the ACCC granted authorisation AA1000405, 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 (as it then stood) on 28 November 2024. At the time that authorisation AA1000405 was granted, RWWA received these services from William Hill Australia.

William Hill Australia has now been acquired by CrownBet and the entity providing management services to RWWA has been renamed TSG Australia Wagering Pty Ltd (**TSG**) and is now a subsidiary of CrownBet. The management services agreement between RWWA and TSG has been novated and received amendments extending its term to 30 December 2028, implementing internal changes and reflecting changes in legislation.

RWWA is seeking authorisation to give effect to the management services agreement, as altered by the amendment agreement and deed of novation, until the management services agreement expires on 30 December 2028.

A copy of the application is available on the ACCC’s website:

www.acc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister

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.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to RWWA's application for authorisation, please do so by **15 June 2018**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject 'AA1000423 – Racing and Wagering Western Australia – submission'.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (guidelines are available [here](#)).

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
24 May 2018	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
1 June 2018	Public consultation process begins.
15 June 2018	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
June 2018	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
July 2018	Draft determination.
July/August 2018	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
August/September 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 Robert Janissen on 02 6243 1387 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Simon Bell
Acting Director
Adjudication

Interested Parties List

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
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 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