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Dear Sir/Madam

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Clubs Australia application for authorisation AA1000444—interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has received an application for authorisation from Clubs Australia.

Clubs Australia is seeking authorisation to collectively bargain with suppliers of goods and services from industries including wagering services, gaming machines, food and beverage, and professional services on behalf of its members, being registered clubs across Australia.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the [ACCC's website](#).

Interim authorisation

The ACCC previously granted Clubs Australia authorisation (A91381) to collectively bargain with suppliers on similar terms for a period of 5 years from 6 March 2014. As the previous authorisation has now expired, Clubs Australia has requested interim authorisation to enable it to collectively bargain with the same target suppliers and on the same terms as previously authorised while the ACCC is considering the new application (which includes a more extensive supplier list and a broader scope of conduct).

The ACCC endeavours to deal with requests for interim authorisation quickly. In making an assessment as to whether it is appropriate to grant interim authorisation, the ACCC is not required to undertake a full assessment of the benefit and detriment likely to arise as a result of the proposed conduct.

The ACCC decides whether to grant interim authorisation on a case by case basis. Should an applicant request interim authorisation, the ACCC will usually consider a range of factors, including:

- harm to the applicant and other parties if interim is or is not granted,
- possible benefit and detriment to the public,
- the urgency of the matter, and
- whether the market would be able to return to substantially its pre-interim state if the ACCC should later deny authorisation.

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 arrangements.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to Clubs Australia's application for authorisation, please do so by **10 July 2019**. Submissions in relation to interim authorisation should be provided by **26 June 2019**.

Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@accc.gov.au with the subject AA1000444 – Clubs Australia – submission’.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Alex Reed on 02 6243 1364 to organise a suitable time.

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

4 June 2019	Lodgement of application and supporting submission, including request for interim authorisation
12 June 2019	Public consultation process begins.
26 June 2019	Closing date for submissions on interim authorisation.
3 July 2019	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process on interim authorisation.
10 July 2019	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
17 July 2019	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
July/August 2019	Draft determination and decision regarding interim authorisation.
September/October 2019	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
October/November 2019	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 Alex Reed on 02 6243 1364 or adjudication@accc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Susie Black
Director (A/g)
Adjudication Branch

**List of Interested Parties – Clubs Australia – Application for Authorisation
AA1000444**

Ainsworth Game Technology Ltd

ACT Gambling and Racing Commission

AGL

Allied Risk Solutions Pty Ltd

Andale Beverage Systems

Aristocrat Leisure Limited

Aruze Gaming Australia Pty Ltd

Asahi Holdings (Australia) Pty Ltd

Atlas Gaming Holdings Pty Ltd

Aussie NRG Pty Ltd

Australasian Gaming Council

Australasian Performing Right Association Ltd

Australian Banking Association

Australian Energy Council

Australian Hotels Association

Australian Lottery and Newsagents Association

Australian Subscription Television and Radio Association

Barrington Group Australia Pty Limited

Beteasy Pty Ltd

Bevcon Beer and Beverage Systems Pty Ltd

Brennan VDI Pty Limited

Business Electronics Holdings Pty Ltd t/a Bepoz Retail Solutions

Cardtronics Australasia Pty Ltd (formerly DC Payments Australasia Pty Ltd)

Cartwright Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd

Cashpoint Payment solutions Pty Ltd, also t/a Mypos

Casinos and Resorts Australasia

CHD Partners Pty Limited

Choice

Circle Solutions Pty Ltd

Club Cafe Systems Pty Ltd

Clubnet International Pty Ltd t/a Clubnet

Coca-Cola Amatil Ltd

Commercial Radio Australia

Consumer and Business Services South Australia

Council of Small Business Organisations of Australia

CUB Pty Ltd t/a Carlton and United Beverages Limited

Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor WA

E P & T Pty Ltd

Ecash Holdings Pty Limited

Energy Australia

Energy Brokers.COM.AU Pty Ltd t/a Energy Brokers

First Data Network Australia Limited t/a Cashcard Australia Limited

Fonterra Brands (Australia) Pty Ltd t/a Anchor Food Professionals

Foodservice Industry Australia

Forum Enviro Pty Ltd (formerly PowerPerfector Australia Pty Ltd)

Foxtel Management Pty Ltd

Free TV Australia

Genesis Solar Group

Green Connection Group Pty Ltd

Greyhound Racing SA

Greyhound Racing Victoria

Group Security Solutions Pty Ltd t/a PatronScan

GVC Australia Pty Ltd t/a Ladbrokes Au

Harness Racing Australia

Hillside (Australia New Media) Pty Ltd t/a Bet 365

Idealpos Solutions Pty Ltd

Illum-a-Lite Pty Ltd
Independent Gaming Pty Ltd
Infosign Pty Ltd
Initialism Pty Ltd
Innquest Australia Pty Ltd
Insurance Council of Australia
Interblock Asia Pacific Pty Ltd
International Game Technology
JCM American Corporation
JEM Computer Systems Pty Ltd
Jensen Data Systems Pty Ltd
King Street Computers Pty Ltd
Konami Gaming Australia Pty Ltd
Licensing NT
Lion-Beer Spirits & Wine Pty Ltd
Liquor and Gaming NSW
Lottery Agents Queensland
Lottery Retailers Association
Make It Cheaper Pty Ltd
Martin Safety Pty Ltd t/a Lighthouse Safety and Compliance
Mrs Mac's Pty Ltd
MSL Solutions Ltd
National Insurance Brokers Association
Nightlife Music Pty Ltd
NUS Consulting Group Pty Ltd
Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation Queensland
Origin Energy Australia
Paltronics Australasia Pty Ltd
Phonographic Performance Co of Australia Ltd

PKF Australia Ltd

Postpact Pty. Limited t/a Computer Magic

Prodocom Pty Ltd

Qikid Pty Ltd

Racing and Wagering Western Australia

Racing Australia

Reserve Bank of Australia

Robert Oatley Vineyards Pty Ltd

Rock Video World Pty Limited t/a Visual Sounds

Sanyo Office Machines Pty Ltd

SBA Music Pty Ltd

Scannet Pty Ltd

Scantek Solutions Pty Ltd

Scientific Games Australia Pty Ltd

Secom Technology Pty Ltd

Sharp Electronics Newcastle Unit Trust t/a Senpos

Simons Green Energy Pty Ltd

Singtel Optus Pty Ltd

Sky Channel Pty Ltd

Skycool Pty Ltd

Sportsbet Pty Ltd

Starrtec Pty Ltd

Swiftpos Pty Ltd

TAB Agents Association of NSW

Tabcorp Holdings Limited

Task Retail Technology Pty Ltd

Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission

Tecala Group Pty Limited

Australian Communication and Media Authority

The Banktech Group Pty Ltd

The Procure Group Pty Ltd

The trustee for Berman Retail Trust t/a Good Nuts

The Trustee for Conekt Unit Trust t/a Conekt Australia

The Trustee for Practical Sustainability Trust t/a Practical Sustainability

The Trustee for Wymac Gaming Solutions Unit Trust

Treasury Wine Estates Ltd

Trojan Corporate Pty Ltd

Utopia Gaming Systems Pty Ltd

Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation

Warren Saunders Insurance Brokers