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Dear Sir/Madam

Racing and Wagering Western Australia application for minor variation of Authorisation AA1000423

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**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.

The ACCC granted Authorisation AA1000423 on 31 August 2018 to enable RWWA to give effect to a management services agreement (**MSA**) governing the provision of fixed odds wagering and risk management services until 30 December 2028. The authorisation was previously varied on 8 April 2020 to include BetEasy as a party to the MSA, along with other minor amendments.

Proposed minor variation to AA1000423

RWWA has applied for a minor variation of the authorisation to include Sportsbet as a party to the MSA to enable Sportsbet to perform some or all of the services provided by BetEasy. This is due to BetEasy's ongoing integration into Sportsbet, following the merger of their parent companies in 2020.

Additionally, RWWA intends to provide fixed odds management services in-house earlier than planned, rather than continuing to outsource the services under the MSA. As the current MSA does not allow for transitional assistance to be provided by BetEasy/Sportsbet prior to termination, a further minor variation is sought to facilitate this.

A full copy of the minor variation application is available on the ACCC's [public register](#).

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, please do so by 24 May 2021. Submissions should be emailed to exemptions@acc.gov.au with the subject 'AA1000423 – RWWA minor variation – submission'.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Andrew Mahony on 03 9290 1983 to organise a suitable time.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register, subject to any request for exclusion (see [Guidelines for excluding confidential information](#)).

Timetable

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

7 April 2021	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
10 May 2021	Public consultation begins.
24 May 2021	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
May 2021	Applicant responds to issues raised in public consultation.
June / July 2021	Determination.

You can 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 contact Andrew Mahony on 03 9290 1983 or exemptions@accc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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