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Mr Eddie Scuderi
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Dear Mr Scuderi

Third line forcing notification N50129 Lodged on Behalf of Queensland Rugby Union Limited

I refer to your notification of third line forcing conduct lodged on behalf of Queensland Rugby Union Limited (QRU). You have described the conduct as involving supplying or offering to supply the opportunity and granting of a licence for the provision of catering services on the condition that:

- QRU may appoint naming right sponsors and exclusive suppliers from whom the appointed caterer may be required to purchase;
- The appointed caterer not supply products or services that compete with those of the QRU's naming right sponsors and exclusive suppliers without first obtaining the consent of the QRU;
- QRU may allow a hirer of Ballymore to supply or offer its own or sponsor's products during a function and the appointed caterer agrees to obtain and supply such products; and
- giving effect to each of the "tied" obligations referred to above.

The above notification was lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the Commission) on 23 August 2001 and has been placed on the Commission's public register. Legal immunity provided by the third line forcing notification came into force on 6 September 2001.

On the basis of the information that you provided to the Commission, I have decided not to make inquiries concerning the notified conduct.



Please note that the Commission may act to remove the immunity afforded by this notification at a later stage if it is satisfied that the public benefit arising from the notified conduct does not outweigh the public detriment arising from the conduct.

This letter has been placed upon the Commission's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Angela Razborsek on (02) 6243 1243.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Grimwade', written over a horizontal line.

Tim Grimwade
General Manager
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