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Dear Mr Gray

**Australian Hotels Association (New South Wales) Authorisation Application A90837**

Thank you for your letter of 30 August 2002 regarding the Australian Hotels Association (New South Wales) ("AHA NSW") application for authorisation for collective contractual negotiations with TAB Limited on behalf of its members and primary boycott activity in certain circumstances.

Your client's concerns have been passed on to the AHA NSW. A copy of the letter from the Commission to the AHA NSW raising your concerns is enclosed.

Since the AHA NSW application for authorisation was submitted, the Commission has received additional information from the AHA NSW, which may go some way in addressing the issues raised in your letter. This information is detailed in the enclosed letter and Meeting Record dated 31 July 2002.

Any additional information provided by the AHA NSW in support of its application (subject to claims of confidentiality) will be forwarded to you for your client's consideration at the soonest possible convenience.

I note your request for an extension of the timeframe within which the Commission will accept a written submission from your client. In order to assist the Commission in considering the AHA NSW authorisation application, if your client wishes to make a submission, I would be grateful if they could do so by Friday 20 September 2002.



If you would like to discuss any aspect of this matter or would like to arrange a meeting with Commission staff to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Amanda Dadd on 02 6243 1391.

A copy of this letter has been placed on the public register.

Yours sincerely



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