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Mr Tim Grimwade  
General Manager  
Adjudication Branch  
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission  
PO Box 1199  
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Dear Mr Grimwade,

**Authorisation A90837 lodged by the Australian Hotels Association (NSW)**

I refer to our letter of 29 August 2002 in respect to the above matter.

Australian Leisure and Hospitality Group ("ALH Group"), a subsidiary of Carlton and United Breweries, is a leader in the leisure and hospitality industry and operates more than 130 hotels around Australia, including 13 hotels in NSW. The majority of our hotels operate PubTAB type wagering services.

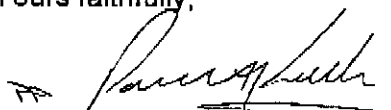
ALH Group, together with the Australian Hotels Association, has taken a leading role in developing and promoting PubTAB type wagering facilities. We have actively worked with all relevant stakeholders to improve wagering services and facilities available to the public and have endeavoured to improve the efficiency and financial viability of wagering facilities for PubTAB operators.

ALH Group fully supports the Australian Hotels Association (NSW) application for authorisation to conduct collective negotiations with PubTAB in relation to totalisator (wagering) and racing broadcast services (Sky Channel) to its members, which includes ALH Group.

We contend that the application made by the Australian Hotels Association (NSW) is reasonable and proper in the circumstances and should be favourably considered by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

We are happy to consider any request from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission for further information in respect to the Australian Hotels Association (NSW)'s application.

Yours faithfully,

  
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