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Dear Mr Grimwade

**Authorisation A90839 lodged by Australian Hotels Association (NSW)
(ACCC ref:C2002/1080)**

Reference is made to your letter dated 8 August 2002 in relation to the application for authorisation made by the Australian Hotels Association (NSW).

It is not considered that the issue of the requested authorisation by the ACCC would have any direct relevance to the Racing Division of the Department of Tourism, Racing and Fair Trading.

However, it should be noted that the relationship between the members of the Australian Hotels Association (NSW) and Sky Channel Pty Ltd as outlined in the correspondence attached to your letter, appears remarkably similar to the relationship between licensed race clubs in Queensland, who are small non-profit entities and Sky Channel Pty Ltd, the monopoly purchaser and supplier of audiovisual broadcast rights to racing across Australia.

Should you be concerned about any particular impact that an ACCC authorisation may have upon a code of racing in Queensland, it is suggested that the following control bodies of codes of racing in Queensland be contacted:

Mr Michael Pearson Legal Adviser Queensland Thoroughbred Racing Board	PO Box 639 Hamilton Central Qld 4007 Facsimile: 07 3852 2718
Mr Brett Schimming Chief Executive Officer Queensland Harness Racing Board	PO Box 250 Albion Qld 4010 Facsimile: 07 3262 7809
Mr Darren Beavis General Manager Greyhound Racing Authority	PO Box 252 Albion Qld 4010 Facsimile: 07 3262 7363

Yours sincerely

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