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Mr Ian Lister Director GE ecXpress Level 10, 181 Miller Street NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2060

Dear Mr Lister

Re: Third line forcing exclusive dealing Notification lodged by Business Commerce Australia Pty Ltd (trading as GE ecXpress) (N31218).

I refer to the above third line forcing exclusive dealing notification lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the Commission) on 10 March 2003.

You have described the conduct as involving Business Commerce Australia Pty Ltd offering a community based pricing plan to members of the Australian Gifts and Homewares Association. Legal immunity provided by the notification commenced on 24 March 2003.

On the basis of the information that you have provided it is not intended that further action be taken in this matter at this stage.

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

Finally, the Commission has received your lodgement cheque for \$1000. On this occasion the correct fee for lodgement by a proprietary company is \$100. A cheque for the overpaid amount will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.



This letter has been placed upon the Commission's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Jaime Norton on (02) 6243 1208.

Yours sincerely

Tim Grimwade

General Manager

Adjudication Branch