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letter sent to attached
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Dear «Title» «LastName»

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

The Australian Hotels Association (NSW) has requested that, pursuant to section 90A of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission ("the Commission") convene a pre-decision conference in relation to its draft determination issued on 26 March 2003 proposing to deny authorisation to A90837.

In its draft determination the Commission indicated that it is of the view that the public benefit likely to arise from the conduct will not outweigh the public detriment likely to arise from the conduct. A pre-decision conference provides an opportunity for applicants and interested parties to make oral submissions to the Commission about its draft determination.

The conference will be held on Monday 5 May 2003, commencing at 10.00am at Angel Place, 123 Pitt Street, Sydney. Interested parties should attend level 7 for advice on the conference room within which the conference will be held. Commissioner McNeill will chair the conference.

Under the Act, the applicant and other interested parties may attend the conference.

If you wish to attend, you must inform the Commission of your intention to do so in writing by **cob 24 April 2003** and briefly indicate why you or your company or organisation has an interest in the matter.



This should be addressed to:

The General Manager
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You may wish inform the Commission of your intention to participate in the pre-decision conference by e-mail: adjudication@accc.gov.au or by facsimile on 02 6243 1211.

You should provide details of a contact name, telephone number, mailing address and, if possible, a facsimile number or e-mail address so that you can be notified of any late changes to conference arrangements. If you represent a company or organisation you should also provide a list of attendees and their position titles, you should also indicate who will be the chief spokesperson at the conference.

I would also note that, while conference participants may bring outside legal or other professional advisers to assist them, the Act prohibits these advisers from participating in conference discussions.

Attached for your information are procedures usually followed at pre-decision conferences.

If you require any further information in regard to the conference or wish to clarify whether you may be considered an "interested person" within the meaning of the Act, please contact Amanda Dadd on 02 6243 1391.

If you are unable to attend the pre-decision conference but would like to make a written submission in relation to this matter, please do so by 15 May 2003. Written submissions should be addressed to the General Manager at the above address or on the above e-mail.

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

Yours sincerely

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