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Mr Ross Mason  
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NEWCASTLE NSW 2300

Dear Mr Mason

**Re: Exclusive Dealing Notification – Mason Lawyers Pty Ltd (N91172)**

I refer to the above third line forcing notification lodged by Mason Lawyers Pty Ltd ('Mason Lawyers') on 22 August 2003 with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission ('the Commission'). This notification has been placed on the Commission's public register. Immunity in respect of this notification commenced on 5 September 2003.

This notification details a proposed arrangement in which Mason Lawyers will provide a discount on the professional fees normally charged to its clients who are purchasing residential property and are financing the purchase:

- With a loan directly from Phoenix (NSW) Credit Union Limited;
- By way of a loan arranged by Foundation Homeloans Pty Ltd;
- By way of a loan arranged by Foundation Homeloans (Newcastle) Pty Ltd.

On the basis of the information that you have provided, it is not intended that further action be taken in relation to the notification lodged by Mason Lawyers.

As with any notification, please note that the Commission may act to remove the immunity afforded by this notification at a later stage if it satisfied that the likely benefit to the public from the conduct will not outweigh the likely detriment to the public from the conduct.



If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Green on (02) 6243 1088.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Tim Grimwade, consisting of a stylized 'T' and 'G' followed by 'CE'.

Tim Grimwade  
General Manager  
Adjudication Branch