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Dear Mr Grimwade

Extension to submission deadline

I am writing to you regarding the Department of Industry Tourism and Resources' (ITR) application to the ACCC for authorisation (lodged 8 March 2004). This application seeks authorisation on behalf of a number of State Tourism Organisations and the Australian Tourist Commission for the provision of promotional and wholesaling services to *accredited businesses* on a preferential and exclusive basis.

Since the ACCC commenced its consultation process with stakeholders in April, ITR has become aware of concerns amongst some industry bodies regarding aspects of the submission. A recent meeting of key industry bodies revealed that there would be considerable benefit in having an information session on accreditation to clarify the objectives of the submission and answer questions. ITR believes this would lead to more informed submissions from industry to the ACCC.

ITR proposes to meet with industry stakeholders next week and would like to give them the opportunity to take any information provided at this meeting into consideration in the drafting of their submissions to the ACCC. Therefore, ITR is seeking to have the deadline for submissions extended to the end of May 2004. ITR would appreciate ACCC consideration/confirmation of such an extension as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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