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Dear Mr Grimwade

Thank you for your letter of 31 March 2004 concerning applications for Authorisation lodged by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources relating to the preferential/exclusive treatment of accredited tourism businesses (A90912 and A90913).

The Queensland Government is committed to growing a diverse economy and creating jobs within this State. The tourism industry is seen as a major component in achieving the priorities of the State Government.

The Australian Government's Tourism White Paper, released in November 2003, outlined a number of recommendations to further advance the tourism industry within Australia. The Queensland Government supports the initiative from the Tourism White Paper to develop a voluntary accreditation system. However, the State has concerns with certain elements of the application for Authorisation, currently before the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). The State Government, after appropriate consultation, will forward a submission to the ACCC outlining these concerns and the State's position.

Again, thank you for contacting the Department of the Premier and Cabinet in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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