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Dear Mr Hunt

**Notifications of exclusive dealing lodged by Quickstop Pty Ltd (N40717) and
Strasburger Enterprises (Properties) Pty Ltd (N40718)**

I refer to the above third line forcing notifications with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the Commission) on 31 May 2004.

You have described the conduct in respect of each notification as follows:

Notification N40717 lodged by Quickstop Pty Ltd (Quickstop)

This notification details an arrangement whereby Quickstop offers discounted retail petroleum products to consumers on the condition they have acquired goods of a specified value from participating supermarkets.

Notification N47018 lodged by Strasburger Enterprises (Properties) Pty Ltd (SEP)

This notification details an arrangement whereby SEP offers discounted retail petroleum products to consumers on the condition they have acquired goods of a specified value from participating supermarkets.

I note in relation to both notifications that the level of discount provided is likely to vary, but will initially be set at 4cpl and consumers are required to purchase a minimum of \$25 worth of groceries from the participating supermarkets to be eligible for the discount. Legal immunity provided by these notifications will come into force on 14 June 2004.




The Commission recently consulted a wide variety of interested parties in relation to a number of similar notifications relating to the petrol and grocery sectors. The Commission has considered the above notification in light of submissions previously put to it by interested parties in relation to similar notifications and its own investigations. The Commission considers that the notified conduct is likely to result in a net public benefit and does not intend to take any further action at this stage to remove the immunity afforded by the notification.

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

This letter has been placed on the Commission's public register. The Commission has released a report and media release in relation to the consideration of a number of acquisitions in the petrol and grocery sectors, which can be found on the Commission's website at www.accc.gov.au. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Gavin Jones on (02) 6243 1107.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Grimwade', written over a horizontal line.

Tim Grimwade
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