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SHALOM COLLEGE

Sarah McCarthy,
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ACCC
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16th June, 2005

Dear Ms McCarthy,

Re: KA Notification N91747

Please find attached The Shalom Institute's objection to KA notification N91747 which has been listed on your website.

If further information is required, I can be contacted by telephone on (02)93613716 or by email at ilonal@ozemail.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

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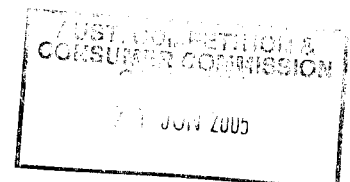
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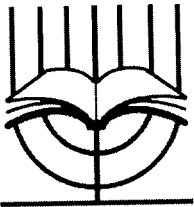
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14th June 2005

ACCC re KA Notification N91747

The Shalom Institute is the managing body for Shalom College, a Jewish residential college on the campus of the University of New South Wales. Shalom College provides meals for students and visitors, hosts functions, and offers residential conferences. It is one of only two Jewish residential colleges in NSW, the other being Mandelbaum House which services students at the University of Sydney.

As Shalom College is, and advertises itself as being, a kosher facility, it operates under the authorization of the NSW Kashrut Authority which is the only body in NSW which can provide kosher accreditation. Consequently, Shalom College has no choice but to abide by the constraints placed upon it by the NSW Kashrut Authority.

However, Shalom College is also a commercial enterprise which is competing against other residential university colleges. Only a small percentage of students are Jewish; the others are not influenced by the kosher status of the College. Selection of a College by a student is based on standard, services and cost.

One of the major costs of a residential College is food which needs to be of good quality. The kosher meat purchased by Shalom College is not always of the required quality. Consequently Shalom College has been seeking alternate providers and has found that high quality kosher meat can be sourced from other states at lower prices than Sydney

Shalom College does not wish to purchase exclusively from out of New South Wales but would like the ability to source the best kosher meat at the best price.

To date, the Kashrut Authority has not permitted this and it will not be permitted under the Kashrut Authority's proposed new policy on kosher meat.

In an anomalous situation, Mandelbaum House has been given permission to purchase its meat from an alternative source but this permission has been withheld from Shalom College.

In its submission, the NSW Kashrut Authority states that "its licensees are free to trade in their field without a licence from the NSW Kashrut Authority". Shalom College submits that this is incorrect since it is not able to trade without a licence from the NSW Kashrut Authority and still promote itself as a kosher facility.

Shalom College asks the ACCC to remove the immunity afforded by this notification.

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