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Dear Ms Bodger

Notification of Third Line Forcing – Telstra Licensed Shops

Thank you for your letter of 9 November 2004 enclosing the Form G documentation relating to notifications N40789 – N40793 lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 15 October 2004. These documents have been placed upon the ACCC's public register.

In your letter you have queried whether notification was validly given to the ACCC on 15 October in the absence of this documentation. I note that the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (the Act) and its associated regulations provide for notification to be given by way of a prescribed form – being form G. While the Act notes that strict compliance with the requirements of a form is not required, I consider that the lodgement of the relevant form is appropriate to avoid any risk.

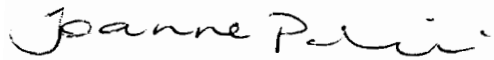
In the case of the notifications in question, I note that the correct lodgement fees were provided to the ACCC and were accompanied by supporting documentation similar to that required under form G.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. A copy of this letter has been placed on the Commission's public register.



If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Susan Sullivan on (02) 6243 1354.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne Palisi".

Joanne Palisi
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