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Mr Robert Morgan  
President  
WA TAB Agents' Association Inc  
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Dear Mr Morgan

**Application for Authorisation A90952 lodged by the WA TAB Agents' Association Inc**

I refer to the above mentioned application for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 1 February 2005.

*Request for interim authorisation*

The ACCC has considered WA TAB Agents' request for interim authorisation and has decided to deny interim authorisation to collectively negotiate on behalf of members in relation to the terms and conditions for the provision of services by members to Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA).

In making this decision the ACCC considered your advice that existing agreements do not expire until 4 January 2006 and your advice that there is no immediate urgent requirement for immunity.

The ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted.



*Interested party consultations*

As you are aware, public consultation with interested parties commenced on 8 February 2005. A copy of the correspondence was forwarded to you on that date. Once the ACCC has received submissions from interested parties these will, subject to any claims for confidentiality, be placed on the ACCC's public register and provided to you for your comment. You will be given the opportunity to respond in writing to any submissions received prior to the ACCC proceeding to prepare a draft determination in relation to the applications.

A copy of this letter will be placed on the ACCC's public register.

If you have any questions in relation to this letter please do not hesitate to contact Siobhán O'Gara on 02 6243 1239.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Gregson', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Scott Gregson  
A/g General Manager  
Adjudication Branch