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Dear Ms Philp

Thank you for your letter of 31 March 2006 concerning the application for authorisation received from the Association of Australian Bookmaking Companies Incorporated.

The Australian Sports Commission appreciates the opportunity to make a submission on this matter, but will not exercise the opportunity at this time. The Commission has no mandate to represent the interests of any particular individual or group of national sporting organisations in matters such as those canvassed in the submission lodged by the Association of Australian Bookmaking Companies Incorporated.

Notwithstanding this, the Australian Sports Commission supports the rights of major sporting organisations to protect the usage of their intellectual property. With the heavy dependence of most sports in this country on funding from the Australian Government, other sources of revenue to support the development of sport are to be encouraged.

The Commission will monitor with interest developments in this matter, particularly from the aspect of possible implications for other sports not represented by the Coalition of Major Professional Sports.

Thank you again for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer

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