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Australian Competition & Consumer Commission
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Dear Commissioner

Waverley Baseball Club believes that the Australian Baseball Federation's BALME licensing program is of benefit to the sport of baseball, and is a program that we certainly would like to see retained. The funds the licensing program brings into the sport reduces costs that Baseball Victoria would need to pass on to clubs like ours to pay for certain services they provide to the local clubs.

Waverley Baseball Club fully supports the Australian Baseball Federation in its submission to have the draft notice of revocation rejected.

The benefits of the program that we consider invaluable to the sport have been –

- An increased level of competition and choice of suppliers within the baseball uniform and equipment industry.
- Price controls that in many cases have resulted in items being cheaper than they were several years ago.
- Quality control with regard to baseball equipment and the service to provide it.
- The ability to provide evidence that the sport is united and well managed.
- The ability to indicate to potential sponsors that the sport has an influence on its direct market.

It is our sincere wish that the BALME licensing program be allowed to continue and in time to reach even greater heights with regard to the above listed benefits.

Yours sincerely,

Robyn Karlsen
Secretary
Waverley Baseball Club

By email
c/o Steve Walker CEO