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Dear Mr Gregson

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION A91007 LODGED BY THE COALITION OF MAJOR PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

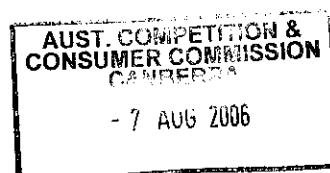
I refer to the letter dated 14 July 2006 from the Director, Adjudication Branch, Ms Susan Philp, inviting comments in relation to the application from the Coalition of Major Professional Sports (COMPS) for an authorisation to engage in collective bargaining with sports betting providers.

The Victorian Government is currently conducting a review of the regulation of sports betting. The aim of the review is to strengthen the integrity of sporting events on which betting takes place and to ensure that sports receive a share of the revenue that is generated by betting on those sports.

Victoria is currently developing a proposal for legislative reform that will deliver these benefits and is leading discussions between the states and territories with the aim of developing a national approach to the regulation of sports betting.

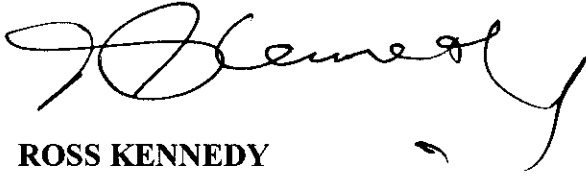
The Minister for Gaming is hoping to make an announcement regarding the reforms later this year.

Within this context, I do not feel that I am able to make specific comment on the application to the ACCC that has been made by COMPS, other than to say that I do not consider the COMPS proposal to be inconsistent with the proposed new regulatory regime or that an authorisation would have a negative impact on the sports betting industry.



Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross Kennedy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping tail.

ROSS KENNEDY
Executive Director
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