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Dear ??

**Application for authorisation A91007 lodged by the
Coalition of Major Professional Sports**

I refer to the above application for authorisation lodged by the Coalition of Major Professional Sports (COMPS) with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 12 July 2006.

As part of this application, COMPS requested that the ACCC grant interim authorisation to allow it to commence collective negotiations with a number of sports betting operators including: ACTTAB, Betfair, Centrebet Sportsbet and Tabcorp, while the ACCC considers the merits of the substantive application.

I wish to advise that, at this stage, the ACCC has decided not to grant interim authorisation to allow COMPS to commence collective negotiations with any sports betting operator.

In assessing the request for interim authorisation the ACCC is of the view that COMPS has not demonstrated an urgent need for interim authorisation, however, the ACCC notes that it can reconsider interim authorisation at the time of issuing its draft determination in this matter.

Please be advised that 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 by the ACCC.

A copy of this letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Liam Stewart on 02 6243 1275.

Yours sincerely

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1. Australian Football League
2. Gaming and Wagering Commission
3. Northern Territory Licensing Commission
4. Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation
5. Office of Gaming and Racing
6. Queensland Office of Gaming Regulation
7. Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation (QLD)
8. Department of Treasury and Finance
9. Office of the Independent Gambling Authority
10. WA Office of Racing, Gaming and Liquor
11. Department of Sport and Recreation (WA)
12. Sport and Recreation Tasmania
13. ACT Racing and Gambling Commission
14. ACT Sport and Recreation
15. NT Department of Racing Gaming & Licensing
16. NSW Department of Gaming & Racing
17. Australian Sports Commission
18. TOTE Tasmania Pty Ltd
19. Unitab Ltd
20. Betfair Pty Ltd
21. NSW Bookmakers Co-operative Ltd
22. Queensland Bookmakers Association
23. Victorian Bookmakers Association Ltd
24. South Australia Bookmakers League Inc
25. WA Bookmakers Association Inc
26. Tasmanian Bookmakers Association
27. ACTTAB
28. Centrebet
29. CentreRacing
30. Colin Tidy's Betchoice.com
31. International All Sports – Australia/AusTOTE
32. Racing and Wagering Western Australia
33. Sportingbet Australia Pty Ltd
34. Sports Acumen Pty Ltd
35. Sportsbet Pty Ltd
36. Assoc of Australian Bookmaking Companies
37. Tab Limited