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Dear

Application for authorisation A91007 lodged by the Coalition of Major Professional Sports – Pre-Decision Conference

Tennis Australia on behalf of the Coalition of Major Professional Sports (COMPS) has requested that the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (the ACCC) convene a conference in relation to the draft determination issued by the ACCC on 20 September 2006 proposing to deny authorisation A91007.

The draft determination follows an application by COMPS for authorisation in respect of proposed collective bargaining with various wagering companies. The ACCC concluded in its draft determination that overall it was not satisfied that the public benefit flowing from the proposed arrangements was likely to outweigh any anti-competitive detriment and proposed to deny authorisation to the application. A copy of the application and draft determination can be found on the ACCC's website <www.accc.gov.au>.

A pre-decision conference provides a valuable opportunity for applicants and interested parties to make oral submissions to the ACCC about its draft determination.

The ACCC will hold the conference on **Tuesday, 24 October 2006**. The conference will be held at

ACCC National Office
Level 7
470 Northbourne Avenue
DICKSON ACT 2602

The conference will commence at 1:30pm. ACCC Commissioner Stephen King will chair the conference. Conference registration will begin at 1:15pm.

Under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (the Act), the conference may be attended by the applicant and other interested parties. If you wish to attend, you must notify the ACCC of your intention by **cob Friday, 20 October 2006** and briefly indicate why you or your company or organisation has an interest in the matter. Notifications must be in writing and addressed to:

The General Manager
Adjudication Branch
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
PO Box 1199
DICKSON ACT 2602

You can also notify the ACCC by e-mail to: adjudication@acc.gov.au or by facsimile on 02 6243 1211.

You should provide details of a contact name, telephone number, mailing address and, if possible, a facsimile number or e-mail address so that you can be notified of any late changes to conference arrangements.

If you represent a company or organisation you should also provide a list of attendees and their position titles, and indicate who will be the chief spokesperson.

I would also note that, while conference participants may bring outside legal or other professional advisers to assist them, the Act prohibits these advisers from participating in conference discussions.

Attached for your information are procedures usually followed at pre-decision conferences.

A copy of this letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you require any further information in regard to the conference or wish to clarify whether you may be considered an 'interested person' within the terms of the Act, please do not hesitate to contact Cameron Martin on (02) 6243 1107.

Yours sincerely

Susan Philp
Director
Adjudication Branch