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Dear [name]

Tabcorp Manager Pty Ltd applications for authorisation A91065, A91066 & A91067 - interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received applications for authorisation from Tabcorp Manager Pty Ltd (Tabcorp). For more information on the authorisation process please see the **attachments**.

Tabcorp is seeking authorisation for the 2007 SuperTAB Pooling Agreement (2007 Pooling Agreement) between Tabcorp and TOTE Tasmania Pty Ltd (TOTE Tasmania). The 2007 Pooling Agreement governs TOTE Tasmania's participation in the SuperTAB Pool operated by Tabcorp.

Tabcorp is also seeking interim authorisation to enable Tabcorp and Tote Tasmania to give effect to the 2007 Pooling Agreement while the ACCC is considering the merits of the substantive applications.

A summary of the 2007 Pooling Agreement, a copy of Tabcorp's applications for authorisation and Tabcorp's supporting submission are **attached**.

The purpose of this letter is to seek your comments on the applications as a potentially interested party.

Request for submissions on the applications for authorisation and request for interim authorisation

To assist the ACCC in its consideration of the applications for authorisation, it would be helpful to obtain your comments on the likely public benefits and the likely effect on competition, or any other public detriment, arising from the 2007 Pooling Agreement between Tabcorp and TOTE Tasmania.

The ACCC decides whether to grant interim authorisation on a case by case basis and will usually consider a range of factors including; harm to the applicant and other parties if interim is or is not granted, possible benefit and detriment to the public, the urgency of the matter and whether the market would be able to return to substantially its pre-interim state if the ACCC should later deny authorisation.

The ACCC seeks your comments on the request for interim authorisation by **Friday, 16 November 2007** and on the substantive applications for authorisation by **Friday, 30 November 2007**. All submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (guidelines are **attached**).

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the applications in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

6 November 2007	Lodgement of applications and supporting submission.
8 November 2007	Public consultation process begins.
16 November 2007	Closing date for submissions on interim authorisation.
30 November 2007	Closing date for submissions from interested parties on applications for authorisation.
14 December 2007	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
January/February 2008	Draft determination issued.
February/March 2007	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
April 2008	Final determination issued.

If you wish to lodge a submission please address it to:

> The General Manager
> Adjudication Branch
> Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
> GPO Box 3131
> Canberra ACT 2601

Submissions can also be lodged by email to adjudication@accc.gov.au or faxed to (02) 6243 1211.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time, but would like to be informed of the progress of the applications at the draft and final determination stages. If you are able, please provide a nominated contact email address for future correspondence.

You may forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the applications.

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 Monica Bourke on (02) 6243 1351.

Yours sincerely

Scott Gregson
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