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Dear Mr Gregson

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

Reference is made to your letter dated 8 November 2007 inviting comments on the above applications by Tabcorp which relate to pooling arrangements that govern Tote Tasmania's participation in the SuperTAB pools.

This Office offers no comment on the applications. However, I might clarify the position regarding the possible merging (pooling) of NSW totalizator pools with SuperTAB pools.

Tabcorp, through its wholly owned subsidiary TAB Limited, holds a 99 year licence under the *Totalizator Act 1997*, which includes a 15 year exclusivity period expiring in 2013, for the conduct of totalizator betting in NSW. Its NSW totalizator operations are stand alone.

Tabcorp has sought Government approval to merge (pool) a number of its NSW totalizator pools with the SuperTAB pools. This request is under consideration.

Yours faithfully


30/11/07
John Whelan
Director, Racing