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Ms Jacqueline Downes Partner Allens Arthur Robinson GPO Box 50 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Ms Downes

## Eastern Suburbs Newspapers Notification N90330 (Wentworth Courier): Draft notice to revoke

As you are aware, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has been conducting a review of the exclusive dealing notification lodged by General Newspapers Pty Limited, Double Bay Newspapers Pty Limited and Brehmer Fairfax Pty Limited, trading as Eastern Suburbs Newspapers (ESN), on 12 November 1993.

## Draft notice to revoke the notification

For the reasons set out in the <u>attached</u> document, the ACCC has issued a draft notice to revoke the notification (**draft notice**) under section 93(3) of the *Trade Practices Act* 1974 (**the Act**).

Once the ACCC issues a draft notice to revoke a notification, the notifying party or any interested party who is dissatisfied with the ACCC's draft notice may request that the ACCC convene a conference in relation to the draft notice. Such a conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to the draft notice. Conferences are conducted informally, and while legal or professional advisors are able to attend they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

If you wish to call a conference in relation to the draft notice, you must notify the ACCC in writing by **Friday**, **18 January 2008**. Please note that the Act does not allow the ACCC to extend this deadline.

You are also invited to make a written submission in response to the ACCC's draft notice. Written submissions should be lodged by **Friday**, 18 January 2008 at the following address:

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

Submissions can also be lodged by e-mail to <u>adjudication@accc.gov.au</u> or by facsimile on 02 6243 1211.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a conference in relation to the draft notice be called, in deciding whether or not to issue a final notice to revoke the notification under section 93(3) of the Act.

This letter has been placed on the public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter please do not hesitate to contact Gavin Jones on 03 9290 1475.

Yours sincerely

Scott Gregson General Manager Adjudication Branch

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