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Dear

**Collective bargaining notification CB00003 lodged by
the Australian Newsagents Federation - interested party consultation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received a collective bargaining notification from the Australian Newsagents Federation (ANF). The ANF proposes to negotiate contracts on behalf of its Western Australian members with Western Australian Newspapers (WAN).

The ACCC invites you to comment on the notification. Enclosed is a summary of the collective bargaining notification process.

A copy of the notification and supporting submission is also enclosed. Other documents concerning the notifications will be made available on the ACCC's website [<www.accc.gov.au>](http://www.accc.gov.au).

Request for submission

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed collective bargaining arrangement. In making your submission, you may wish to focus on the types of benefits and detriments set out in the enclosure.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the collective bargaining notification, please do so by **31 August 2007**.

If you wish to lodge a submission, please address your submission 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 by facsimile on (02) 6243 1211.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact me on (03) 9290 1475 to organise a suitable time.

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 notification in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

20 August 2007	Lodgement of notification and supporting submission completed.
20 August 2007	Public consultation process begins.
31 August 2007	Closing date for submissions from interested parties
7 September 2007	Notifying parties respond to issues raised in the public consultation process.
On or before 14 September 2007	ACCC releases its assessment of the notification
17 September 2007	Absent ACCC objection, protection afforded by the collective bargaining notification comes into effect.

If possible please provide an email address for future correspondence. Please also advise if you do not wish to receive future correspondence about this matter.

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

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 me on (03) 9290 1475.

Yours sincerely



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