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Adjudication
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11th September 2007

Dear Mr Gregson,

ANF Collective bargaining Notification.CB 00003.

I have just become aware of the above Notification. We did not seem to have been consulted as an "interested party".

The QNF is somewhat bewildered that the ANF have lodged this Notification as it would appear that the conduct, if solely confined to ANF members in WA, would largely be covered by the 2004 Authorisation (.A90804).

We would seek an assurance that the Notification solely relates to collective bargaining by ANF on behalf of its WA members and that ANF does not use the Notification to present itself to be collective bargaining on behalf of all newsagents in WA. We note that the list attached to the Notification contains of some 150 names. That is out of some 450 newsagents in WA.

We also ask the ACCC what will happen to this Notification should others wish to join the ANF and the collective bargaining group or if some of those listed as being in the group cease to be ANF members or drop out of the group for some other reason. ?

The QNF is concerned that the Notification will further fragment the collective bargaining regime nationally and may move into areas other than contemplated by the authorisation. The QNF wishes to register opposition to the granting of the new Authorisation as it believes that Collective Negotiation may be held under the Authorisation as granted in 2004.

We also note the submission by the Convenience Stores and suggest that that submission is irrelevant to this Notification and is more targeted at the Authorisation previously granted.

Yours truly,


K G Murphy
CEO
QNF

Cc QNF Directors

