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Dear Sir/Madam

**The Australian Newsagents' Federation application for authorisation A91174 – final determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a determination in respect of the above application for authorisation lodged by the Australian Newsagents' Federation (the ANF) on 28 July 2009.

The application is to take account of amendments introduced by the *Trade Practices Amendment (Cartel Conduct and Other Measures) Act 2009* which commenced on 24 July 2009. The conduct for which authorisation was sought under application A91174 is the same conduct that the ANF originally sought authorisation for on 17 April 2009 (authorisation application A91134).

In particular, the ANF is seeking authorisation to engage in collective negotiations on behalf of member newsagents with certain publishers and distributors of newspapers and magazines.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation to the arrangements until 7 August 2014. The ACCC's assessment is set out in Chapter 4 of its determination.

A copy of the determination will also appear on the ACCC's website ([www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister](http://www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister)), and can be found by following the links to this matter.

**Application for review**

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 23 September 2009. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 24 September 2009.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal please refer to the tribunal's website located at <http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/>.

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 Clare McGinness on (02) 6243 1049.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DChanning". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

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