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Dear Sir/Madam

**Notification N94049 lodged by Ice Hockey Australia –
draft notice**

As you are aware, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has been conducting a review of the exclusive dealing notification lodged by Ice Hockey Australia (IHA) on 27 July 2009.

The notification relates to IHA's policy to suspend or expel IHA members who have participated or are participating in a non-sanctioned Australian or international ice hockey game or league.

The ACCC has issued a draft notice proposing to revoke the immunity provided by IHA's exclusive dealing notification. A copy of the ACCC's draft notice is attached. The reasons for the ACCC's decision are provided in the draft notice (a copy is attached). The ACCC's assessment is set out in Chapter 5 of the draft notice.

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft notice, the notifying party or any interested party may request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'. A pre-decision conference is a public meeting, which 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 advisers are able to attend they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft notice, you must notify the ACCC in writing by **Tuesday, 5 January 2010**.

Alternatively, you are invited to make a written submission in response to the ACCC's draft notice. Written submissions should be lodged by **Monday, 21 December 2009** at the following address

The General Manager
Adjudication Branch
Australian Competition & Consumer Commission
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Submissions can also be lodged by e-mail to adjudication@accc.gov.au.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a pre-decision conference be called.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Guidelines for seeking exclusion from the public register are attached for your information.

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 Lauren Roy on (03) 9290 1823 or via email at lauren.roy@accc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teresa Nowak', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Teresa Nowak
Acting Director
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**Interested parties consulted – draft notice to revoke N94049
4 December 2009**

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