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*This letter, with enclosures,
was sent to the
attached list of parties.*

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Dear

Applications for authorisation A91201 & A91202 lodged by the Casuarina Precinct Stakeholders Committee - interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received applications for authorisation from the Casuarina Precinct Stakeholders Committee (the Committee). The ACCC invites you to comment on the applications, a copy of which is enclosed. Also enclosed is a summary of the authorisation process including how to make a submission to the ACCC.

The Committee is seeking authorisation for a proposed agreement, known as the Liquor Accord, which includes proposed restrictions on the supply of certain types of alcohol products to consumers. The applications for authorisation identify Casuarina All Sports Club Inc, GPT Group, The Village Shopping Centre, Coles Liquor and Woolworths Limited as the parties to the proposed Liquor Accord.

Interim authorisation

The Committee has requested interim authorisation to enable members to progress development of the proposed Liquor Accord and to enable relevant outlets in the Casuarina business precinct to voluntarily implement the proposed measures in the proposed Liquor Accord until the ACCC's final determination is made.

The ACCC endeavours to deal with requests for interim authorisation quickly. In making an assessment as to whether it is appropriate to grant interim authorisation, the ACCC is not required to undertake a full assessment of the benefit and detriment likely to arise as a result of the proposed conduct.

The ACCC decides whether to grant interim authorisation on a case by case basis. Should an applicant request interim authorisation, the ACCC will usually consider a range of factors, including harm to the applicant and other parties if interim is or is not granted, possible benefit and detriment to the public, the urgency of the matter and whether the market would be able to return to substantially its pre-interim state if the ACCC should later deny authorisation.

Request for submissions

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 arrangements.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the Committee's applications for authorisation, including the request for interim authorisation, please do so by **29 January 2010**.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Sharon Clancy on (02) 6243 1217 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 applications in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

30 November 2009	Lodgement of initial application (A91201) and supporting submission.
11 December 2009	Lodgement of related application (A91202) and amended application A91201.
16 December 2009	Public consultation process begins.
29 January 2010	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
12 February 2010	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
February / March 2010	Draft determination, including decision on interim authorisation.
March / April 2010	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
April / May 2010	Final determination.

Please advise of any corrections to your address details or if you do not wish to receive further correspondence from the ACCC about this matter. You may forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the applications.

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 Sharon Clancy on (02) 6243 1217.

Yours sincerely

Richard Chadwick
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Interested parties - 16 December 2009

Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia
Anglicare
Australian Drug Foundation
Australian Food and Grocery Council
Australian Hotels Association
Australian Institute of Welfare and Community Workers
Australian National Council on Drugs
Australian National Retailers Association
Australian Retailers Association
Chamber of Commerce NT
Council for Aboriginal Alcohol Program Services Inc
Danila Dilba Health Service Management Committee
Darwin Aboriginal & Islander Women's Shelter
Darwin City Council
Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services - Territory Housing
Department of Justice
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
Department of Health and Ageing
Department of Health and Families
DrinkWise Australia Ltd
Families Australia
Foundation of Rehabilitation With Aboriginal Alcohol Related Difficulties (Australia)
Homelessness Australia
Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation
Liquor Stores Association NT
Mission Australia
National Association of Retail Grocers of Australia
National Independent Retailers Association
National Retail Association
Northern Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency
Northern Territory Licensing Commission
Northern Territory Police
Northern Territory Council of Social Service
NT Legal Aid Commission
Palmerston City Council
Palmerston Regional Business Association
Parks and Wildlife Service
Salvation Army
Shopping Centre Council of Australia
St Vincent de Paul Society
Tourism Top End