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Dear Ms Gilardoni

**Notification N93735 submitted by Westpac Banking Corporation –
request for material to be excluded from the public register**

I refer to the notification lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on behalf of your client, Westpac Banking Corporation, on 30 December 2008.

I have considered your client's request that a confidential schedule to its notification be excluded from the ACCC's public register.

As you are aware, the ACCC is generally required under section 95 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (the Act) to place documents provided to it in relation to a notification on the ACCC's public register. The Act provides that a person submitting a document in relation to a notification may request that the document or parts thereof be excluded from the public register by reason of the nature of certain information contained in the document.

As a person authorised to make a decision for and on behalf of the ACCC in relation to such a request, I advise that the confidential schedule will not be placed on the public register.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact John Rouw on (03) 9290 1402.

Yours sincerely

Dr Richard Chadwick
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