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Dear

**Tabcorp Manager Pty Ltd applications for authorisation A91127-A91132
- interested party consultation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received applications for authorisation from Tabcorp Manager Pty Ltd (Tabcorp). The ACCC invites you to comment on the applications. Attached is a summary of the authorisation process including how to make a submission to the ACCC.

Tabcorp is seeking authorisation for agreements entered into by it with ACTTAB Ltd (ACTTAB) and Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) relating to the participation of ACTTAB and RWWA in the SuperTAB Pool operated by Tabcorp.

A full copy of the applications for authorisation is available on the ACCC's website <www.accc.gov.au>. Alternatively, you can contact Tess Macrae on (03) 9290 1835 to obtain a copy of the applications and submission.

Interim authorisation

Tabcorp has also requested interim authorisation to give effect to its pooling agreements with ACTTAB and RWWA.

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 Tabcorp's applications for authorisation, please do so by **30 April 2009**. Submissions in relation to interim authorisation should be provided by **21 April 2009**.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Tess Macrae on (03) 9290 1835 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.

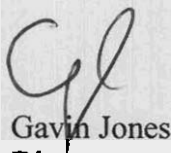
30 March 2009	Lodgement of applications and supporting submission.
3 April 2009	Public consultation process begins.
21 April 2009	Closing date for submissions on interim authorisation.
Late April 2009	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
30 April 2009	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
Mid May 2009	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
June 2009	Draft determination.
June/July 2009	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
July 2009	Final determination.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time, but would like to be informed of the progress of the applications at the draft and final determination stages. If you are able to please provide a nominated contact email address for future correspondence.

You can also 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 Tess Macrae on (03) 9290 1835.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GJ', is positioned above the printed name.

Gavin Jones
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INTERESTED PARTY LIST

ACT Gambling and Racing Commission

Australian Associated Press Racing

Australian Bookmakers' Association/ NSW Bookmakers' Cooperative Ltd

Australian Harness Racing Council

Australian Internet Bookmakers' Association

Australian Punters Association

Australian Racing Board

Betfair Australia Pty Ltd

Canberra Racing

Centrebet Racing Pty Ltd

Clubs Victoria

Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor (WA)

Gaming and Wagering Commission of Western Australia
Gilbert and Tobin

Greyhounds Australasia

Harness Racing Victoria

IASBet

International All Sports Limited

Minter Ellison

Office of Gaming and Racing Victoria

Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing (QLD)

Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing (NSW)

Office of the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner (SA)

Perth Racing

Queensland Bookmakers' Association

Queensland Racing Limited

Racing Information Services Australia

Racing NSW

Racing Services Tasmania -
Department of Infrastructure, Energy & Resources

Racing Victoria Ltd

Racing, Gaming and Licensing -
Department of Justice (NT)

South Australian Bookmakers' League Inc.

Sportingbet Australia Pty Ltd

Sports Acumen Pty Ltd

Sportsbet Pty Ltd

Tasmanian Bookmakers' Association

Tasmanian Gaming Commission

Tasmanian Thoroughbred Racing Council

Tattersall's Limited

Thoroughbred Breeders Association Victoria Inc

Thoroughbred Racing SA

Turf Accountant Australia

UNiTAB

Victorian Bookmakers' Association

Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation

WA Bookmakers' Association (Inc)

