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Dear [salutation]

**Queensland Newsagents Federation application for authorisation A91117
- final determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a determination granting authorisation in respect of the above mentioned application lodged by the Queensland Newsagents Federation (QNF) on 22 December 2008.

The QNF sought authorisation on behalf of itself, the Newsagents Association of NSW and the ACT and the Victorian Association for Newsagents to engage in collective negotiations on behalf of member newsagents with major publishers and distributors of newspapers and magazines.

The QNF also sought authorisation to negotiate on behalf of newsagents or groups of newsagents who are not members of the Associations but wish to participate in the collective negotiations.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its final determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation to the arrangements for a period of five years.

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. Any application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 13 May 2009. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 14 May 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 Lauren Roy on (02) 6243 4940.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DChanning". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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