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Dear Mr Spier

**Queensland Newsagents Federation - application for authorisation A91117  
- interested party consultation**

I refer to the above mentioned application for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 22 December 2008.

Please find enclosed, for your information, a copy of the letter the ACCC sent recently to potentially interested parties as part of its public consultation process.

All publicly available submissions will be posted on the ACCC internet site at [www.accc.gov.au](http://www.accc.gov.au). Alternatively, at the end of the consultation period the ACCC can arrange for you to receive a copy of all publicly available submissions received in relation to the application.

**Timetable**

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

<b>22 December 2008</b>	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
<b>6 January 2009</b>	Public consultation process begins.
<b>23 January 2009</b>	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
<b>23 January 2009</b>	Closing date for submissions on interim authorisation.

<b>9 February 2009</b>	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
<b>February 2009</b>	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
<b>February/March 2009</b>	Draft determination.
<b>March 2009</b>	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
<b>March/April 2009</b>	Final determination.

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



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