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Dear Sir/Madam

**Collective Bargaining Notification CB00072 lodged by Australian Newsagents'  
Federation - request for submissions**

On 6 May 2009 the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) received a collective bargaining notification from the Australian Newsagents Federation on behalf of its Western Australian members, the members of the Western Australian Distribution Association and certain independent newsagents. The notification relates to a proposal by the newsagents to collectively negotiate the terms and conditions of their contracts with West Australian Newspapers.

The immunity from legal action provided by notification CB00072 will commence on **20 May 2009**, provided the ACCC does not issue a draft objection notice proposing to prevent the immunity coming into effect.

The ACCC invites you to comment on the notification. Enclosed are a copy of the notification and a summary of the collective bargaining notification process. Other documents concerning the notification will be made available on the ACCC's website [www.accc.gov.au](http://www.accc.gov.au), by following the links to the collective bargaining notifications register.

**Collective bargaining notification process**

Once a notification has been validly lodged with the ACCC, immunity from legal action in respect of the notified conduct commences 14 days after the notification was lodged, unless the ACCC issues a draft objection notice proposing to prevent the immunity coming into effect.

The ACCC may proceed to remove the immunity provided by a collective bargaining notification where it is satisfied that the likely benefit to the public from the proposed conduct will not outweigh the likely detriment to the public from the proposed conduct.

## **Request for submissions**

To assist the ACCC in its consideration of the notification it would be helpful to obtain your comments on the likely public benefits and the likely effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed arrangements.

If you intend to lodge a submission in relation to the collective bargaining notification, please do so by **cob Monday, 18 May 2009**.

You may forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the notification.

Persons lodging a submission with the ACCC may request that information included in the submission be excluded from the public register in certain circumstances. Submissions which are excluded from the public register may still be taken into account by the ACCC in conducting its assessment of the notified arrangements. Guidelines for seeking exclusion from the public register are attached for your information.

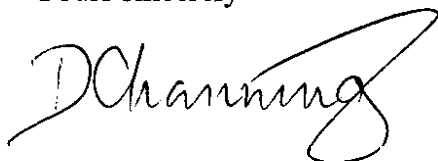
If you wish to lodge a submission, please address your submission to:

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Submissions can also be lodged by email to [adjudication@accc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@accc.gov.au) or by facsimile on 02 6243 1211.

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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