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Dear [name]

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

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received an application for authorisation from the Queensland Newsagents Federation (QNF). The ACCC invites you to comment on the application. Attached is a summary of the authorisation process including how to make a submission to the ACCC.

The QNF is seeking authorisation on behalf of itself, the Newsagents Association of NSW and ACT (NANA) and the Victorian Newsagents Association (VANA) to collectively negotiate on behalf of their members with newspaper and magazine publishers and distributors.

The QNF is also seeking authorisation for newsagents or groups of newsagents who are not members of the Associations but ask to join in any collective bargaining.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's website <www.accc.gov.au>.

Interim authorisation

The QNF's current authorisation for collective bargaining expires on 20 May 2009. The QNF has requested interim authorisation for the conduct described above.

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. 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
- interim authorisation

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the QNF's application for authorisation, please do so by **23 January 2009**.

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 application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

22 December 2008	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
6 January 2009	Public consultation process begins.
23 January 2009	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
23 January 2009	Closing date for submissions on interim authorisation.
9 February 2009	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
February 2009	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
February/March 2009	Draft determination.
March 2009	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
March/April 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 application at the draft and final determination stages. If possible, 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 application.

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



for Darrell Channing
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