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Mr Darrell Channing
 Director
 Adjudication Branch
 Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
 23 Marcus Clarke Street
 Canberra ACT 2601

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Dear Mr Channing

**Application for Authorisation A91117 lodged by
 Queensland Newsagents Federation Ltd ("Application")**

I refer to your letter of 7 January 2009 addressed to Mr Greg Baxter regarding the Application.

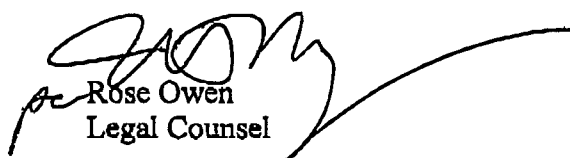
In respect of the application for an interim authorisation, News Limited submits that any such interim authorisation granted should reflect precisely the terms of the current authorisation which expires in May 2009 (other than the term). This is to ensure the status quo prevails and the Commission has sufficient time to consider those aspects of this Application which differ as well as any changed circumstances.

In particular, News Limited believes that Condition 2 (which permitted the associations to represent in collective negotiations only those members who opted-in to the process) imposed by the Commission in the existing authorisation needs to be reflected in any interim or final authorisation issued following this Application. It appears, though is not entirely clear, that this Application significantly differs on this point from the existing authorisation.

We ask that the ACCC keep us informed of the progress of the Application at the draft and final determination stages. We may wish to make submissions later in the process.

For further communications in relation to this matter please contact me directly by email to owenr@newsltd.com.au or by phone on (02) 9288 3107.

Yours sincerely



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 Legal Counsel

