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Dear Mr Foster

Third line forcing notification N93402 lodged by Football Queensland

I refer to the above third line forcing notification lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 28 April 2008.

The conduct the subject of the notification involves a licensing program under which Football Queensland (FQ) requires football clubs participating in FQ competitions to use only Teamwear from licensed suppliers during FQ competitions. Teamwear includes tracksuits, playing shirts, playing shorts, playing socks and balls.

Legal immunity conferred by the notification commenced on 12 May 2008.

The ACCC has recently received a submission from the Hon Arch Bevis MP, Federal Member for Queensland, raising concerns with the impact of this conduct. I have attached a copy of this submission for your information. The ACCC invites you to comment on the issues raised in this submission.

The ACCC is interested in whether Football Queensland has received any other complaints about its licensing program and if so, how many and raising what issues?

I understand that the exclusive license period for currently licensed suppliers is drawing to a close. Is it Football Queensland's intention to enter into new exclusive arrangements? If so, can you please describe the intended process and timing.

A copy of this letter will be placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact David Hatfield on (02) 6243 1266.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. Chadwick', written over a horizontal line.

Dr Richard Chadwick
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