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Dear Mr Woodward

**Authorisations A91227 and A91228 submitted by Virgin Blue Airlines Pty Ltd & Ors –
request for material to be excluded from the public register**

I refer to your submission dated 26 July 2010 regarding the above applications for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 6 May 2010.

I have considered your request that parts of the submission (including Annexures) be excluded from the ACCC's public register.

As you are aware, the ACCC is generally required under section 89 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (the Act) to place documents provided to it in relation to an application for authorisation on the ACCC's public register. The Act provides that a person submitting a document in relation to an authorisation application may request that the document or parts thereof be excluded from the public register by reason of the nature of certain information contained in the document.

As a person authorised to make a decision for and on behalf of the ACCC in relation to such a request, I advise that the relevant part of your submission will not be placed on the public register.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

I note that you also provided a public register version of the submission and Annexure A (Expert Statement of Dr. Michael W. Tretheway). These public register versions will be placed on the public register in the form they were provided to the ACCC.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Jessica Buik on 02 6243 4940.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Dr Richard Chadwick
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