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Dear Mr Woodward

**Applications for authorisation A91247 & A91248 lodged by Virgin Blue & Etihad –
request for material to be excluded from the public register**

I refer to your applications for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 27 August 2010.

I have considered your request that the confidential version of the submission in support of your applications 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 part 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 confidential version of the supporting 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 version of your clients' submission. This version will be placed on the public register in the form it was provided to the ACCC.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Roy on (03) 9290 1823 or David Seccombe on (02) 6243 1394.

Yours sincerely

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

Dr Richard Chadwick
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