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Dear Mr Chadwick

Thank you for your letter of 1 November 2010 inviting the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) to make a submission in relation to the Australian Hotels Association Divisions' (AHA Divisions') application for revocation of authorisation A90987 and substitution of a new authorisation A91257, interested party consultation.

I note your advice that the AHA Divisions are seeking re-authorisation from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission for their current and future members to collectively bargain with various suppliers.

I would like to take this opportunity to comment in relation to AHA Divisions' ability to collectively bargain in relation to the purchase of gaming machines (i.e. poker machines) in Queensland.

The Queensland *Gaming Machine Act 1991* (the Act) provides the legislative framework which allows for gaming machine gambling in the State. The legislative framework includes a system of regulation and control to ensure the integrity and fairness of games, the probity of persons involved in the conduct of gaming and to minimise the potential for gambling harm.

OLGR has no objection to the AHA Divisions' proposal to collectively bargain in relation the purchase of gaming machines on the basis that they do not breach the Act.

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I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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