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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Ice Hockey Australia – exclusive dealing notification N94049
– pre-decision conference**

The Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received a request to convene a conference in relation to the draft notice issued by the ACCC on 4 December 2009. The draft notice proposes to revoke the immunity provided by exclusive dealing notification N94049 lodged by IHA on 27 July 2009.

A copy of the notification and draft notice can be found on the ACCC's website:
www.accc.gov.au/ExclusiveDealingRegister.

A pre-decision conference provides a valuable opportunity for the notifying parties and interested parties to make oral submissions to the ACCC about its draft notice.

The ACCC will hold the conference on **Thursday, 21 January 2010** at the ACCC's Sydney office. The Sydney office is located at Level 7 Angel Place, 123 Pitt Street, Sydney. The conference will commence at 10 am. Deputy Chair Peter Kell will chair the conference. Video links to the ACCC offices in, Adelaide, Canberra and Melbourne will be made available. Video links may also be available from ACCC offices in other capital cities if necessary.

Under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (the Act), the conference may be attended by the notifying party and other interested parties. If you wish to attend, you must notify the ACCC of your intention by **5pm Thursday, 14 January 2010** and briefly indicate why you or your company or organisation has an interest in the matter. Notifications must be in writing and may be provided to Lauren Roy at lauren.roy@accc.gov.au or by facsimile on 03 9663 3699.

You should provide details of a contact name, telephone number, mailing address and, if possible, a facsimile number or email address so that you can be notified of any late changes to conference arrangements. If you represent a company or organisation, please provide a list of attendees, their position titles, and indicate who will be chief spokesperson. You should also nominate the city you would prefer to attend. Only parties who notify their intention to attend will receive further correspondence regarding the holding of the conference.

I would also note that, while conference participants may bring outside legal or other professional advisers to assist them, the Act prohibits these advisers from participating in conference discussions.

Attached for your information are procedures usually followed at pre-decision conferences.

A copy of this letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you require any further information in regard to the conference or wish to clarify whether you may be considered an 'interested person' within the terms of the Act, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Roy on (03) 9290 1823.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr Richard Chadwick
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