

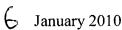
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Dear Mr Jappe

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

I refer to your letter of 21 December 2009 requesting a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft notice issued by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 4 December 2009. As you are aware, the draft notice follows an exclusive dealing notification lodged by IHA on 27 July 2009.

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. Please advise the ACCC of the ACCC office at which IHA's representatives would prefer to attend, the names of IHA's representatives who will be attending and their position titles, and indicate who will be IHA's chief spokesperson. Please provide this information by **5pm Thursday**, **14 January 2010**. You may provide this information by email to lauren.roy@accc.gov.au.

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 please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Roy on (03) 9290 1823.

Yours sincerely

Dr Richard Chadwick General Manager

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