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Dear Mr Gay

**Tabcorp Wagering Manager (Vic) Pty Ltd applications for authorisation (A91344 – 6)  
– request for interim authorisation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the applications for authorisation lodged by Tabcorp Wagering Manager (Vic) Pty Ltd (Tabcorp) on 5 November 2012 to give effect to the Book Management Agreement between Tabcorp and ACTTAB Limited. A copy of the ACCC's decision is attached.

Interim authorisation protects the arrangements for which authorisation is sought from legal action under the relevant provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the application.

**Next steps**

For your information, the next step in the process is for the ACCC to release a draft determination which will take account of any submissions from Tabcorp and interested parties and will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the application. The ACCC will give both Tabcorp and interested parties the opportunity to provide a further submission on the draft determination before the ACCC issues its final decision.

As noted in the attached decision, the ACCC may review its decision on interim authorisation at any time. In this regard, the ACCC will reconsider this decision at the time of issuing its draft determination. The ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Luke Griffin on 02 6243 1114.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Richard Chadwick', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr Richard Chadwick  
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