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10 December 2012

Dear Sir/Madam

**Australian Newsagents' Federation Ltd application for authorisation A91349  
- interested party consultation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received an application for authorisation from Australian Newsagents' Federation Ltd (**ANF**). The ACCC invites you to comment on the application. Attached is a summary of the authorisation process including how to make a submission to the ACCC.

The ANF is seeking authorisation to collectively bargain on behalf of current and future members located in South Australia with SA Lotteries in relation to the terms and conditions of the lottery distribution agent agreements, including: commissions, fees, terms of supply, rights of termination, and matters contained within the Agent Guide.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's website [www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister](http://www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister). Alternatively, you can contact Megan Cunningham on (03) 9290 1856 to obtain a hard copy of the application and submission.

**Request for submissions**

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed arrangements.

I note that the ANF has asked the ACCC to conduct a streamlined assessment of this application, whereby the ACCC aims to progress its assessment to a draft determination within 28 days. With the Christmas/New Year period approaching, this makes timeframes for initial consultation quite short. If you intend to provide an initial submission in relation to the ANF's application for authorisation, please do so by **cob Thursday 13 December 2012**.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Megan Cunningham on (03) 9290 1856 to organise a suitable time.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (guidelines are attached).

## Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

- 6 December 2012 - Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
- 10 December 2012 - Public consultation process begins.
- 13 December 2012 - Closing date for initial submissions from interested parties.
- 14 December 2012 - Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
- late December / early January 2013 - Draft determination.
- January 2013 - Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
- February/March 2013- Final determination.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time, but would like to be informed of the progress of the application at the draft and final determination stages. If you are able to, please provide a nominated contact email address for future correspondence.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the application.

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 Megan Cunningham on (03) 9290 1856.

Yours sincerely



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**List of Interested Parties**

Office of the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner South Australia

SA Lotteries