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Dear Mr Walker

Third line forcing notification N95857 lodged by The Star Pty Ltd

I refer to the above third line forcing notification lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 14 May 2012. The notification has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

The Star Pty Ltd (The Star) proposes to provide discounts, benefits or rights, including:

- a discount or additional benefit in relation to food, beverage or spa treatment services
- the right to attend certain exclusive restaurant events on The Star's premises
- the right to reserve a table at certain restaurants located on The Star's premises

on condition that the customer is a customer of MasterCard and uses their MasterCard card to acquire specific goods or services at The Star's premises.

Legal immunity conferred by the notification will commence on 28 May 2012.

On the basis of the information that you have provided, it is not intended that further action be taken in this matter at this stage.

As with any notification, please note that the ACCC may act to remove the immunity afforded by the notification at a later stage if it is satisfied that the likely benefit to the public from the conduct will not outweigh the likely detriment to the public from the conduct.

This assessment has been made on the basis that The Star will disclose all relevant terms and conditions to prospective customers.

A copy of 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 Tess Macrae on (03) 9290 1835.

Yours sincerely



Dr Richard Chadwick
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