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Dear Mr Spier

**Authorisation submitted by Queensland Newsagents Association –  
exclusion of material from the public register and interested party consultation**

I refer to your application for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 6 June 2012.

**Request for exclusions from the ACCC's public register**

I have considered your request that the QNF Constitution be excluded from the ACCC's public register.

As you are aware, the ACCC is generally required under section 89 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the Act) to place documents provided to it in relation to an application for authorisation on the ACCC's public register. The Act provides that a person submitting a document in relation to an authorisation application may request that the document or parts thereof be excluded from the public register by reason of the sensitive nature of certain information contained in the documents or part documents.

As a person authorised to make a decision for and on behalf of the ACCC in relation to such a request, I advise that the QNF Constitution will not be placed on the public register.

**Interested Party Consultation**

Please find enclosed, for your information, a copy of the letter the ACCC sent today to potentially interested parties as part of its public consultation process.

All publicly available submissions will be posted on the ACCC internet site at [www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister](http://www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister). Alternatively, at the end of the consultation period the ACCC can arrange for you to receive a copy of all publicly available submissions received in relation to the application.

### Timetable

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

<b>6 June 2012</b>	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
<b>6 June 2012</b>	Public consultation process begins.
<b>13 June 2012</b>	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
<b>15 June 2012</b>	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
<b>Late June 2012</b>	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation and draft determination.
<b>June/July 2012</b>	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
<b>August/September 2012</b>	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Tanya Hobbs on 02 6243 1029 or Imogen Hartcher-O'Brien on 02 6243 1049.

Yours sincerely



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