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Dear Interested Party

Lottery Agents Queensland Ltd application for revocation of authorisation A91101 and substitution of new authorisation A91397 – interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) is currently conducting a consultation process on an application for re-authorisation (application for revocation and substitution) received from Lottery Agents Queensland Ltd on 22 November 2013.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you, as a potentially interested party, to comment on the application. Please see the ACCC's publication [Authorisation process - the basics](#) for a summary of the authorisation process and how to make a submission to the ACCC.

Application for 're-authorisation'

Lottery Agents Queensland Ltd (LAQ) is seeking authorisation to conduct negotiations on behalf of its members in relation to the terms and conditions of agency agreements and arrangements with Golden Casket Lottery Corporation.

A copy of the application is available on the ACCC's website www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister.

Background

The ACCC previously granted authorisation to LAQ to collectively negotiate on behalf of its members with Golden Casket Lottery Corporation until 10 December 2013.

Interim authorisation

On 4 December 2013, the ACCC granted interim authorisation to permit the continued operation of LAQ's previously authorised collective bargaining arrangements.

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. Further, the ACCC invites you to outline your general experience of the collective negotiations during the term of the previous authorisation. The ACCC would also welcome your

views on the public benefits and detriments you consider have actually resulted from the collective negotiations during the previous authorisation period.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to LAQ's substantive application for re-authorisation please do so by **10 January 2014**. The ACCC may also reconsider its grant of interim authorisation at the time of making its draft determination, should it have cause to do so. Accordingly, submissions on the LAQ's request for interim authorisation should also be provided by **10 January 2014**.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Tanya Hobbs on 02 6243 1029 or Gavin Jones on 03 9290 1475 or via email at adjudication@acc.gov.au to organise a suitable time.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#).

Timetable

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

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
22 Nov 2013	Lodgement of application and supporting submission, including request for interim authorisation.
4 Dec 2013	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
9 Dec 2013	Public consultation process begins.
10 Jan 2014	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
13 Jan 2014	Interested party submissions provided to the Applicant.
20 Jan 2014	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
Feb 2014	Draft determination.
March 2014	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
April 2014	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 Tanya Hobbs on 02 6243 1029 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Jones', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gavin Jones
Director
Adjudication Branch

List of Interested Parties

1. Golden Casket Corporation Limited
2. Australian Newsagents Federation
3. Queensland Newsagents Federation
4. Queensland Office of Gaming Regulation
5. Australian Association of Convenience Stores
6. National Retail Association