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Dear Mr Partridge

**Third line forcing notification N96664 lodged by The Star Pty Ltd (The Star)**

I refer to the above third line forcing notification lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 15 March 2013. The notification has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

The Star proposes to provide benefits or rights, particularly the right to reserve a table at certain restaurants located on The Star's premises, on condition that the customer is a customer of American Express Australia Ltd (or any of its affiliated entities) whereby the customer makes the reservation through AMEX and pays for restaurant services with an AMEX card.

Legal protection conferred by the notification will commence on 29 March 2013.

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 legal protection provided 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 and AMEX 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 Hayley Parkes on 03 9290 6926.

Yours sincerely

Dr Richard Chadwick  
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