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Dear Sir / Madam

**Australian Newsagents Federation Application for revocation of authorisation A91134
and A91174 and substitution of new authorisation A91407
- 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 the Australian Newsagents Federation (ANF) on 3 February 2014.

The ANF is seeking authorisation in its own right and on behalf of its Member State Branches, the Newsagents Association of NSW and the ACT, and the Victorian Newsagents Association to engage in collective bargaining with a range of suppliers. The ANF has proposed that participation in the collective bargaining process will be voluntary for all parties.

The ANF has identified your business as one with whom they would like to collectively bargain with on behalf of their members. The purpose of this letter is to invite you to comment on the ANF's application.

Request for submission

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 bargaining arrangements 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 bargaining during the previous authorisation period.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's website <www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister>. Alternatively, you can contact the writer on 02 6243 1351 to obtain a hard copy of the application and submission.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the ANF's application for authorisation, please do so by **4 March 2014**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@accc.gov.au with the subject "A91407 – Australian Newsagents Federation – submission".

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact the writer on 02 6243 1351 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.

3 February 2014	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
6 February 2014	Public consultation process begins.
4 March 2014	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
March 2014	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
April 2014	Draft determination.
April/May 2014	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
June 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 the writer on 02 6243 1351 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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