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Dear Mr Brown

Collective Bargaining Notifications CB00284 & CB00285 lodged by the Australian Wagering Council Limited – Draft Objection Notice

I refer to the above collective bargaining notifications lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) by the Australian Wagering Council Limited (the **AWC**) on 13 February 2014.

The ACCC has prepared a draft objection notice in respect of the notifications, in accordance with section 93AC(1) of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the **Act**). The reasons why the ACCC proposes to give an objection notice are set out in the attached draft objection notice. The draft objection notice will also be published on the ACCC's website at <http://registers.accc.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/773840>.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the NRL of the draft objection notice, and to invite the NRL to notify the ACCC whether the NRL wishes the Commission to hold a conference in relation to the draft objection notice. If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft objection notice, you must notify the ACCC in writing by the close of business on **Friday 14 March 2014**.

Pursuant to section 93AD(1)(b) of the Act, the effect of the ACCC providing the AWC with this notice is that each notification will not come into force unless the ACCC decides not to give the AWC a final objection notice in respect of the notified conduct.

In addition to requesting the ACCC to hold a conference, the NRL is invited make a written submission in response to the ACCC's draft objection notice. Any submission should be lodged by close of business **Friday 14 March 2014** at the following address:

The General Manager
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Submissions may also be lodged by email to adjudication@acc.gov.au or by facsimile on (02) 6243 1211. Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (guidelines are attached).

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions should a pre-decision conference be called, in deciding whether or not to issue a final objection notice in relation to the notified conduct.

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 Michael Drake on (03) 9658 6517.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized initial 'R' followed by a long horizontal line.

Dr Richard Chadwick
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