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Dear Mr Carter

Collective bargaining notifications CB00284 & CB00285 lodged by the Australian Wagering Council Limited

I refer to the above collective bargaining notifications, lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) on 13 February 2014, for online wagering and sports betting companies who are members of the Australian Wagering Council Limited (**AWC**) to collectively bargain with the National Rugby League Limited (**NRL**) and engage in collective boycotts in relation to negotiations with the NRL (the **notifications**).

This letter confirms receipt by the ACCC today of an email from your firm, on behalf of your client AWC, informing the ACCC that, pursuant to section 93AE(1) of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) (the **Act**), AWC withdraws the notifications it has given the ACCC, effective immediately.

Section 93AE(1) of the Act provides that a corporation may, by written notice given to the ACCC, withdraw a collective bargaining notice it has given the ACCC. Section 93AE(2) of the Act provides that a corporation may withdraw that notice at any time before the ACCC gives an objection notice in relation to the collective bargaining conduct.

In this matter, the ACCC prepared a draft objection notice and notified AWC and interested parties of this notice and has invited submissions and any requests for a conference. No final objection notice has been given to AWC. Therefore the notifications have been withdrawn effective today.

The ACCC will inform interested parties that the notifications have been withdrawn. 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, appearing to be 'Dr Richard Chadwick'.

Dr Richard Chadwick
General Manager
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