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Dear Mr Brown

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

I refer to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (the **ACCC**) letter of 28 February 2014 advising that the ACCC had issued a draft objection notice, and inviting submissions and any requests for a conference, in relation to the above notifications.

These notifications were lodged with the ACCC on 13 February 2014 and relate to ten online wagering and sports betting companies who are members of the Australian Wagering Council Limited (**AWC**) collectively bargaining with the National Rugby League Limited (**NRL**) and engaging in collective boycotts in relation to negotiations with the NRL.

This letter is to notify you that yesterday AWC withdrew the notifications pursuant to section 93AE(1) of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth).

As a result, the ACCC will not proceed with its assessment of the notifications, and we no longer seek submissions, or requests for a conference, from interested parties.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. 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 'R Chadwick'.

Dr Richard Chadwick
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