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Mr Anthony Ball
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By email c/o JChew@clubsnsw.com.au

Dear Mr Ball

**Re: Clubs Australia application for authorisation A91381
- PRE-DECISION CONFERENCE**

The ATM Industry Reference Group has requested that the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (the ACCC) convene a conference in relation to the draft determination issued by the ACCC on 12 December 2013 proposing to grant authorisation A91381.

As you are aware, the draft determination follows an application by Clubs Australia for authorisation to collectively bargain, predominantly through the use of standard contracts and direct negotiation, with various suppliers of goods and services supplied to registered clubs across Australia. In its draft determination the ACCC proposed to grant authorisation to the application. A copy of the application and draft determination can be found on the ACCC's website <www.accc.gov.au>.

A pre-decision conference provides a valuable opportunity for applicants and interested parties to make oral submissions to the ACCC about its draft determination.

The ACCC will hold the conference on **Friday, 7 February 2014**, at the **ACCC Sydney office at (Level 20, 175 Pitt Street)**. The conference will commence at **1:30pm**. Attendance via video link is available from ACCC offices in other state capital cities. ACCC Commissioner Dr Jill Walker will chair the conference.

Under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the Act), the conference may be attended by the applicant and other interested parties. Please advise the ACCC of

the names of Clubs Australia's representatives who will be attending and their position titles, and indicate who will be Clubs Australia's chief spokesperson. Please provide this information by **COB 30 January 2014**.

I would also note that, while conference participants may bring outside legal or other professional advisers to assist them, the Act prohibits these advisers from participating in conference discussions.

Attached for your information are procedures usually followed at pre-decision conferences.

A copy of this letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you require any further information in regard to the conference, please do not hesitate to contact Hannah Ransom on (02) 6243 1255.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Richard Chadwick', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr Richard Chadwick
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