

Submission to ACCC in relation to interested party submission.

Application A91407, ANF application re collective bargaining.

The following is the Applicants comments on a late interested party submission in relation to the ANF application.

Josie and Kevin McCann

Newsagents in Grovedale, Vic.

The Applicant understands that the “interested” party is not an ANF member and hence the ANF cannot represent that person.

In any case to join or not to join in an ANF collective bargaining group is voluntary and members can opt in and opt out.

Further the ANF does not propose to act as a buying group but to collectively bargain on behalf of those ANF members who want ANF to bargain on their behalf. Members will then separately deal with the suppliers based on any arrangements struck by the ANF.

Those newsagents who want to operate in their own right can do so and are encouraged to do so.

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