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Dear Mr Simons

Authorisation A91432 submitted by the Jewellers Association of Australia (the JAA) – request for material to be excluded from the public register

I refer to your client's application for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 24 June 2014.

I have considered your client's request that the accompanying spreadsheet be excluded from the ACCC's public register.

As you are aware, the ACCC is generally required under section 89 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the Act) to place documents provided to it in relation to an application for authorisation on the ACCC's public register. The Act provides that a person submitting a document in relation to an authorisation application may request that the document or parts thereof be excluded from the public register by reason of the nature of certain information contained in the document.

As a person authorised to make a decision for and on behalf of the ACCC in relation to such a request, I advise that the spreadsheet will not be placed on the public register.

I note that the JAA's submission contends that the information provided to the ACCC is on the basis that it will not be released or used for any other processes or purposes. With respect to the document described above that the JAA seeks to have excluded from the public register, the ACCC will not disclose this information to any third parties, other than the ACCC's legal and economic advisors, without first obtaining your written consent or unless compelled to do so by law.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Tess Macrae on (03) 9290 1835.

Yours sincerely

Dr Richard Chadwick
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Adjudication Branch