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Dear Sir/Madam

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**The Australian Hotels Association - application for authorisation A91513 -
determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the Australian Hotels Association, on 25 September 2015.

The Australian Hotels Association sought authorisation on behalf of itself and its divisions in each state and territory to collectively bargain on the acquisition of products, terms of supply, settlement discounts, product development, joint advertising and marketing, and distribution for a period of ten years.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation until 12 March 2026.

Application for review

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 11 March 2016. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 12 March 2016.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal please refer to the tribunal's website located at <http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/>.

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 Theo Kelly on (02) 6243 1179.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Baethan Mullen'.

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