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Dear Mr Spier

Authorisation submitted by the Australian Hotels Association (AHA) —request for material to be excluded from the public register

I refer to your application for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 2 February 2017.

I have considered your request that the AHA New South Wales Division's membership list 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 relevant document will not be placed on the public register.

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 Theo Kelly on (02) 6243 1179.

Yours sincerely

David Jones General Manager Adjudication