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Dear Ms Foo

**APPLICATION BY CARNIVAL AUSTRALIA FOR A FURTHER
TEMPORARY EXEMPTION UNDER THE AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT 2004**

Thank you for your letter dated 28 June 2013 requesting submissions in relation to the application by Carnival Australia for a temporary exemption under section 44 of the *Age Discrimination Act 2004* (Cth).

The applicant seeks a further exemption for 2½ years to allow it to impose restrictions upon passengers under the age of 19 years travelling upon its cruise ships between 1 November and 31 January each year.

The purpose of the exemption is to promote the health, safety and security of passengers and crew during the 'Schoolies' period, and reduce the risks associated with excessive consumption of alcohol and supply of alcohol to passengers under the age of 18 years.

The material supports the objectives of the applicant's policy, and indicates it is a reasonable measure for a legitimate public interest. I have no objection to the granting of the proposed further exemption.

Yours sincerely

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Anti-Discrimination Commissioner Queensland

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