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By email: 

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Dear Ms Cass-Gottlieb

Mr Lachlan Murdoch

I am writing to advise you that the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) has now concluded its inquiries into whether Mr Lachlan Murdoch and Mr Rupert Murdoch control each other's media assets.

The ACMA presently considers that, on the information available to it, Mr Lachlan Murdoch and Mr Rupert Murdoch are not associates within the meaning of section 6 of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, and that Mr Lachlan Murdoch and Mr Rupert Murdoch are not in a position to exercise control of each other's media assets.

Please find attached the ACMA's response to Avaaz, which the ACMA proposes to send on Wednesday 12 December 2012. Kindly note that we anticipate Avaaz will publish the ACMA's letter on the Avaaz website.

In accordance with its regulatory role, the ACMA will continue to monitor the relationship between Mr Lachlan Murdoch and Mr Rupert Murdoch with respect to their media assets. The ACMA may make further inquiries or commence an investigation if circumstances change or new information comes to light suggesting that Mr Lachlan Murdoch or Mr Rupert Murdoch is in a position to influence the other, or that they act together with respect to any of their media assets, or they otherwise control each other's media assets.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely


Jennifer McNeill
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Content, Consumer and Citizen Division