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By email

Dear Sir/Madam

Independent Cinemas Australia Inc. application for authorisation A91587 — Interested party consultation and statutory deadline extension

I refer to the abovementioned application for authorisation.

Interested party consultation

On 28 September 2017, the ACCC issued a draft determination proposing to grant authorisation to Independent Cinemas Australia Inc. for five years.

On 8 November 2017, the ACCC held a conference on the draft determination. Following the conference, the ACCC requested further information from the applicant.

The applicant provided a response to the ACCC on 4 December 2017; a copy is on the ACCC public register.

Interested parties are invited to make submissions on the applicant's response by close of business Tuesday 19 December 2017.

Statutory deadline extension

The ACCC has decided to extend the statutory deadline to make a determination on the application until 22 March 2018. The applicant has agreed to this extension.

A revised indicative timetable, including steps in the process that have occurred to date, is set out below for your information.

13 June 2017	Lodgement of application and supporting submission
22 June 2017	Public consultation process begins
14 July 2017	Closing date for submissions from interested parties, several parties requested an extension to make a submission.
30 and 31 August 2017	Applicant responded to interested party submissions.
28 September 2017	ACCC issued draft determination.
20 October 2017	Closing date for submissions on draft determination.
8 November 2017	Conference held.
4 December 2017	Applicant makes post conference submission
19 December 2017	Closing date for further interested party submissions
22 March 2018	Statutory deadline for the ACCC to make a final determination.

Please note that this timetable is subject to any further consultation that the ACCC may need to undertake.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Simon Bell on (02) 6243 1232.

This letter will be placed on the ACCC public register.

Yours sincerely



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