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Mr Michael Ferguson
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By email

Dear Mr Ferguson,

Racing and Wagering Western Australia Application for revocation of authorisations A91342 & A91343 and substitution of new authorisation AA1000405—draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Racing and Wagering Western Australia (**RWWA**) on 9 November 2017.

Draft determination

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination and summary of its reasons is attached.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation until 28 November 2024.

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicant or any interested party may make a written submission and/or request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'.

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **4 April 2018**. "Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "A1000405 – Racing and Wagering WA – submission".

A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination. Conferences are conducted informally and while legal or professional advisers are able to attend they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination you must notify the ACCC in writing by **4 April 2018**.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a pre-decision conference be called, and will then release a final determination in relation to these applications.

Timetable

The ACCC will continue to progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An updated indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
9 November 2017	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
15 November 2017	Public consultation process begins.
15 March 2018	ACCC draft determination
15 March 2018 to 4 April 2018	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
April 2018	Final determination.

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 adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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