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Dear Sir/Madam

The Royal Automobile Club of Queensland Limited application for revocation of authorisations A91358 and A91359 and substitution of new authorisation AA1000408 – interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received an application for authorisation from The Royal Automobile Club of Queensland Limited. The ACCC invites you to comment on the application.

Application for ‘re-authorisation’

The application for re-authorisation relates to The Royal Automobile Club of Queensland Limited continuing to set the labour rate to be charged by RACQ Approved Repairers for reciprocal warranty repairs and for RACQ Approved Repairers to only offer reciprocal warranty repair services to RACQ members (the Proposed Conduct). A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's website www.acc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister.

In deciding whether to grant authorisation, the ACCC will consider whether the Agreement is likely to result in a public benefit that would outweigh its likely public detriment.

The previous authorisation was granted on 29 May 2013 and expires on 20 June 2018.

Request for submission

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed arrangements. Further, the ACCC invites you to outline your general experience of the proposed conduct during the term of the previous authorisation.

The ACCC would also welcome your views on the public benefits and detriments you consider have actually resulted from the proposed conduct during the previous authorisation period.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the applicant's application for authorisation, please do so by **29 January 2018**. Submissions should be emailed to **adjudication@acc.gov.au** with the subject “AA1000408 – *The Royal Automobile Club of Queensland Limited – submission*”.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact John Azzopardi on (03) 9290 1461 or via email (john.azzopardi@acc.gov.au) to organise a suitable time.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#).

Timetable

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

5 December 2017	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
20 December 2017	Public consultation process begins.
29 January 2018	Closing date for submissions.
March 2018	Draft determination.
April 2018	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
May 2018	Final determination.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time, but would like to be informed of the progress of the application at the draft and final determination stages. If you are able, please provide a nominated contact email address for future correspondence.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the application.

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 John Azzopardi on (03) 9290 1461 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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