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Dear Mr Ferguson,

Racing and Wagering Western Australia application for authorisation AA1000423 - draft determination and interim authorisation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of your client's application for re-authorisation. The ACCC has also granted interim authorisation.

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 revoke authorisation AA1000405 and grant authorisation AA1000423 in substitution. The ACCC proposes to grant authorisation AA1000423 until 30 December 2028.

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 **9 August 2018**. "Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "AA1000423 – Racing and Wagering Western Australia – 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 **2 August 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 this application.

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](#).

Interim authorisation

Pending the ACCC's final determination, the ACCC has granted interim authorisation to RWWA, TSGW and CrownBet to give effect to all the provisions of the Amended 2012 Agreement as it stands at 19 July 2019 (see the attached document for further details of the ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation).

Interim authorisation comes into effect immediately and will remain in place until the date the ACCC's final determination comes into effect or until the ACCC decides to revoke interim authorisation.

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
24 May 2018	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
1 June 2018	Public consultation process begins.
19 July 2018	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation and draft determination
July/August 2018	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
August/September	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 Robert Janissen on 02 6243 1387 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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