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Dear Ms Anthony

**The Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers, Australia
Application for revocation of authorisation A91402 and substitution of AA1000440—
draft determination and interim authorisation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for revocation of authorisation A91402 and substitution of new authorisation AA1000440 (referred to as re-authorisation) lodged by APESMA on 9 May 2019. For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant re-authorisation for 10 years.

The ACCC has also decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the application for re-authorisation to allow APESMA to continue to engage in the conduct for which it was previously authorised under authorisation A91402 while the application for re-authorisation is being considered.

A copy of the ACCC's decision is attached. A summary of the authorisation process is outlined in the [Authorisation Guidelines](#).

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 **10 July 2019**.

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 **10 July 2019**.

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](#).

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 May 2019	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
16 May 2019	Public consultation process begins.
30 May 2019	Closing date for submissions on interim and re-authorisation
20 June 2019	Draft determination and decision on interim authorisation issued.
July/August 2019	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
August 2019	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 Anna Pound on (03) 9290 6920.

Yours sincerely



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