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Dear Mr Rankin

**Australian National Kennel Council Limited application for authorisation
AA1000442—draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the Australian National Kennel Council Limited (ANKC) on 28 May 2019.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to deny authorisation.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached and also available on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#).

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 **29 October 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 **29 October 2019**.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made at a pre-decision conference (should one 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
28 May 2019	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
7 June 2019	Public consultation process begins.
15 October 2019	Draft determination
October/November 2019	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
November 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 Miriam Kolacz on (03) 9658 6476.

Yours sincerely



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