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By email

Dear Interested Party,

The Uniting Church in Australia National Assembly (UCANA) Application for authorisation AA1000447— draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of an application for authorisation lodged by UCANA on 26 June 2019.

The ACCC's draft determination proposes to grant authorisation to UCANA to enable separate legal entities that comprise the Uniting Church in Australia to collectively negotiate, procure and maintain insurance products and services. For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for 6 years.

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

Next steps

The ACCC invites submissions on the draft determination. Submissions are due by **19 August 2019** by emailing adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject 'AA1000447 – UCANA – submission'. The ACCC will consider any submissions received by this date in making its final decision about whether to authorise these arrangements.

Submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. For further information see the ACCC's publication [Guidelines for excluding information from 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
26 June 2019	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
2 August 2019	Draft determination issued.
August 2019	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.

September 2019

Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.

October 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Hatfield".

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