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By email

Dear Madam or Sir

Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation application for re-authorisation AA1000456—draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for re-authorisation lodged by the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation on 5 November 2019. The OGLR is seeking re-authorisation for current and future liquor accord and Safe Night Precinct local board members to make liquor accord agreements that adopt a provision contained in Section 1 of the pro-forma liquor agreement (PLAA).

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation, subject to conditions, for 5 years.

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'.

Making a submission

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **19 March 2020**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@accc.gov.au with the subject "AA1000456 – Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation – submission". If you prefer to make an oral submission, please contact Steven Lee via the details at the end of this letter.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made at a pre-decision conference (should one be called - see below), 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 <u>Guidelines for excluding information from the public register</u>.

Optional pre-decision conference

In some cases, the Applicant or an interested party requests that the ACCC convene a predecision conference in relation to its draft determination. If a conference is called, it will be open to the Applicant and interested parties to attend and 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 **19 March 2020** by email to adjudication@accc.gov.au.

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
5 November 2019	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
12 November 2019	Public consultation process begins.
18 December 2019	Interim Authorisation Decision
27 February 2020	Draft determination
February/March 2020	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
March 2020	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 Steven Lee on (02) 6243 1347.

Yours sincerely

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