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Dear Madam/Sir

**Car rental operators at Cairns Airport – application for authorisation AA1000460 – interim authorisation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has granted interim authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by a group of car rental operators at Cairns Airport (the **Applicants**) on 28 November 2019. A copy of the ACCC decision is attached.

Interim authorisation protects the arrangements for which authorisation is sought from legal action under the relevant provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the application.

**Next steps**

For your information, the next step in the process is for the ACCC to release a draft determination which will take account of any submissions from the Applicants and interested parties and will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the application. The ACCC will give both the Applicants and interested parties the opportunity to provide a further submission on the draft determination before the ACCC issues its final decision.

As noted in the attached decision, the ACCC may review its decision on interim authorisation at any time. The ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

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 Kaitlin Hanrahan on 03 9290 1917.

Yours sincerely

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