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Dear Interested Party

Australian Brick & Blocklaying Training Foundation — application for revocation of A91418 and substitution of authorisation AA1000656 — 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 Brick & Blocklaying Training Foundation on 29 February 2024.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for 10 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

Submissions should be lodged via the web form accessible on the <u>public register page</u> for this matter. Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Sophie Magliano 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 **22 March 2024** by email to exemptions@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
6 December 2023	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
29 February 2024	Draft determination
22 March 2024	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
April/May 2024	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 Sophie Magliano on 03 9658 6429.

Yours sincerely

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