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Dear Sir/Madam

BP Australia Pty Ltd's application for authorisation AA1000619 – interested party consultation

On 29 June 2022, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) received an application for authorisation from BP Australia Pty Ltd (**BP**) on behalf of itself and resellers of fuel under the BP brand (**BP Resellers**). This letter is to invite you to comment. You are welcome to pass this letter on to others who may wish to make submissions.

Application for authorisation

BP is seeking authorisation¹ to expand the existing BP Rewards Program by introducing fuel and non-fuel offers at BP sites and participating BP Reseller sites for all or certain groups of consumers who are members of the existing BP Rewards Program, in particular BP Rewards Program members who are also employees, contractors, members, customers or persons otherwise associated with existing or future BP customers/ corporate partners with whom BP negotiates a fuel and/ or non-fuel offer. Authorisation is sought for five years.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's <u>authorisations</u> public register.

Making a submission

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the application for authorisation. In making your submission, please provide information, evidence and views about the likely public benefits, effects on competition and any other public detriment that you consider will result from the proposed conduct.

If you intend to provide a submission, please do so by **8 August 2022**. If you wish to request an extension, please contact us on the details below as early as possible. Submissions after the due date (or after any extension granted) may not be taken into account.

Please email your submission to exemptions@accc.gov.au, with the subject 'AA1000619 – BP Australia Pty Ltd – submission'. Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Ellie Dwyer via the details at the end of this letter.

Your submission **will** be placed on the ACCC's <u>authorisations public register on the internet</u> unless you have made a request (with reasons) for us to exclude part or all of the submission from the public register. (see <u>Guidelines</u> for <u>Excluding Information</u> from the

¹ For information about Authorisations, please see https://www.accc.gov.au/business/exemptions/authorisation

<u>Public Register for more information on how to make a request and how we assess requests).</u>

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information, and an up to date version (including any changes) will be posted on the public register.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
29 June 2022	Lodgement of application.
18 July 2022	Public consultation process begins.
8 August 2022	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
August 2022	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
September 2022	Draft determination.
September 2022	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
October 2022	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Ellie Dwyer on 03 9290 1874 or via email at exemptions@accc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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