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Dear Interested Party

Australian Bedding Stewardship Council (ABSC) application for authorisation AA1000613 — Interested party consultation

On 26 May 2022, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) received an application for authorisation from the ABSC. This letter is to invite you to comment. You are welcome to pass this letter on to others who may wish to make submissions.

The ABSC is seeking authorisation¹ under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth). Authorisation would give it legal protection to establish and operate a voluntary, industry-led product stewardship scheme in Australia in relation to end-of-life mattresses.

The ABSC is seeking authorisation for 5 years. A copy of the application is available on the ACCC's [authorisations 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 in relation to the application, please do so by **5:00pm AEDT on Friday 18 June 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@acc.gov.au, with the subject 'AA1000613 – ABSC – submission'. Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Connie Wu via the details at the end of this letter.

Your submission **will** be placed on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#) unless you have made a request (with reasons) for us to exclude part or all of the submission from the public register (see Guidelines for [Excluding Confidential Information from the Public Register](#) for more information on how to make a request and how we assess requests).

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.

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

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
26 May 2022	Lodgement of application.
31 May 2022	Public consultation process begins.
18 June 2022	Closing date for submissions on application.
June 2022	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
July 2022	Draft determination.
July/August 2022	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
August/September 2022	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 Connie Wu at exemptions@acc.gov.au or on 08 9325 0637.

Yours sincerely

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 Competition Exemptions