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## By email

Dear Sir/Madam,

## AusPayNet application for authorisation AA1000495 — draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**the ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Australian Payments Network Limited (AusPayNet) on 6 April 2020.

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

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **29 June 2020**.

A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to 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 **29 June 2020**.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made at a pre-decision conference (should one be called), 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>.

## **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 April 2020	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
16 April 2020	Public consultation process begins.
7 May 2020	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
5 June 2020	Draft determination released.
29 June 2020	Closing date for submissions from interested parties on draft determination.
Aug/Sep 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 Andrew Mahony on 03 9290 1983.

Yours sincerely

Gavin Jones Executive Director

Adjudication