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By email

Dear Interested Party

7-Eleven Stores Pty Limited - application for authorisation AA1000500—draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by 7-Eleven Stores Pty Limited on 9 April 2020.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation, subject to a condition, until 31 March 2021.

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

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **23 July 2020**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "AA1000500 – 7-Eleven Stores Pty Limited – submission". If you prefer to make an oral submission, please contact Susan Philp 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 [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#).

Optional pre-decision conference

In some cases the applicant or an interested party requests that the ACCC convene a pre-decision 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 close of business on **Thursday 23 July 2020** by email to adjudication@acc.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
9 April 2020	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
24 April 2020	Interim Authorisation Decision
1 May 2020	Public consultation process begins.
8 July 2020	Draft determination
July 2020	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
August 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 the writer on 02 6243 1313.

Yours sincerely



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Interested Parties

- Australian Association of Franchisees
- The Australasian Association of Convenience Stores
- The Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman
- Franchise Advisory Centre
- Franchise Council of Australia
- Franchise Redress
- Levitt Robinson Solicitors on behalf of certain 7-Eleven franchisees
- NSW Small Business Commissioner
- Professor Jenny Buchan, University of New South Wales
- Retail and Fast Food Worker's Union
- Small Business Association of Australia
- 7-Eleven franchisees (20 randomly selected)