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By email

Dear Madam/Sir

eRx Script Exchange Pty Ltd application for authorisation AA1000472 — draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**the ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by eRx Script Exchange Pty Ltd (**eRx**) on 2 March 2020.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation until 30 June 2025.

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, eRx 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 **27 November 2020**. Submissions should be emailed to exemptions@acc.gov.au with the subject "AA1000472 – eRx – submission". If you prefer to make an oral submission, please contact Andrew Mahony on the above contact details.

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 [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#) for further details.

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.

We note that in the current circumstances, any conference is likely to be held via webinar or teleconference.

If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination, please notify the ACCC in writing by **27 November 2020**.

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
2 March 2020	Lodgement of application and supporting submission
4 June 2020	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation
13 November 2020	Draft determination released
November 2020	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called
December 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



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Competition Exemptions