



Our ref: AA1000476  
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By email

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Battery Stewardship Council - application for authorisation AA1000476 - draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the Battery Stewardship Council (**BSC**) on 18 March 2020. BSC is seeking authorisation to establish and implement a battery stewardship scheme that would apply to all batteries (except lead-acid batteries).

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

### **Making a Submission**

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **31 July 2020**. Submissions should be emailed to [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au) with the subject "AA1000476 – Battery Stewardship Council – submission".

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](#).

### **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 **31 July 2020** by email to [adjudication@accc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@accc.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
<b>18 March 2020</b>	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
<b>27 March 2020</b>	Public consultation process begins.
<b>21 April 2020</b>	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
<b>14 July 2020</b>	Draft determination.
<b>July/August 2020</b>	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
<b>August/September 2020</b>	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 Robert Janissen on 02 6243 1387.

Yours sincerely



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