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Via email

Dear Interested Party

**Re: Coles Group & Ors application for revocation of authorisation AA1000627 and substitution of AA1000673 – draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation (revocation and substitution) lodged by Coles Group Limited on behalf of itself, Woolworths Group Limited and ALDI Stores (together, the Applicants) and its Program Partners, on 24 June 2024.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation with conditions until 31 July 2026.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached and also available on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#).

**Next steps**

The Participants 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 **24 January 2025**. Submissions should be lodged via the web form accessible on the public register page for this matter. Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Hannah Craig via the details at the end of this email.

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 Applicants 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 Applicants 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 **24 January 2025** by email to [exemptions@acc.gov.au](mailto:exemptions@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 on the [public register](#).

This email has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Hannah Craig on (03) 9977 1875 or [exemptions@acc.gov.au](mailto:exemptions@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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