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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Screen Producers Australia – application for authorisation AA1000535 – draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**the ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Screen Producers Australia on 18 November 2020.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for ten 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 Monday, 15 March 2021. Submissions should be emailed to [exemptions@acc.gov.au](mailto:exemptions@acc.gov.au) with the subject "AA1000535 – Screen Producers Australia – submission".

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 **15 March 2021** 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 below for your information.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
<b>18 November 2020</b>	Application lodged
<b>24 November 2020</b>	Public consultation process begins
<b>16 December 2020</b>	ACCC grants interim authorisation
<b>26 February 2021</b>	ACCC issues draft determination, resumes public consultation
<b>15 March 2021</b>	Closing date for submissions regarding draft determination
<b>March/April 2021</b>	Applicant responds to draft determination and issues raised during public consultation
<b>April/May 2021</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 Tom Whitby on (02) 6243 1012.

Yours sincerely



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