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By email

Dear Sir/Madam,

Co-Operative Supermarkets Australia Limited - application for authorisation AA1000457—draft determination & interim authorisation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Co-Operative Supermarkets Australia Limited on 5 November 2019.

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

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **27 March 2020**.

A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to 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 **27 March 2020**.

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](#).

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
5 November 2019	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
20 November 2019	Public consultation process begins.
19 December 2019	Interim Authorisation Decision
13 March 2020	Draft determination and Interim Authorisation
March/April 2020	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
April 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 Robert Janissen on 02 6243 1387.

Yours sincerely



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