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Dear Interested Party

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

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a 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 **Participants**) and its Program Partners on 24 June 2024.

The Participants sought authorisation for conduct in connection with the industry-led Soft Plastics Taskforce, specifically soft plastics stockpile remediation activities and continuation of their in-store soft plastics collection program.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation until 31 July 2026 with conditions. The ACCC's assessment is set out in Chapter 4 of its determination.

Application for review

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth), a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 20 March 2025. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 21 March 2025.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal please refer to the tribunal's website located at <http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/>.

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.

Yours sincerely

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