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Dear Mr Coombs,

**Re: CMPA application for authorisation A91047 - 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 Construction Material Producers Association on 5 April 2007.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached. For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant the authorisation for a period of five years.

**Interim authorisation**

On 2 May 2007, the ACCC granted interim authorisation for the CMPA to make available the standard form owner driver contract for its members to be able to use as a starting point for negotiating contracts with owner drivers.

The ACCC has decided to extend interim authorisation to the remaining aspects of the CMPA's application. That is, interim authorisation is granted for the CMPA to make available standard form contracts for its members to be able to use as a starting point for negotiating contracts for the supply of construction materials with contractors for Victorian government authorities or private principals.

Interim authorisation will continue to protect the proposed arrangements from action under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* until the date the ACCC's final determination comes into effect or until the ACCC decides to revoke interim authorisation.

**Next steps**

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the applicant or any interested party may request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'. A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for the applicant and interested parties to make oral submissions in



relation to the draft determination. Conferences are conducted informally, without the participation of legal or other professional advisers.

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 **cob 6 July 2007**.

Alternatively, you are also invited to make a written submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination. Written submissions should be lodged by **cob 6 July 2007** at the following address:

The General Manager  
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Submissions can also be lodged by e-mail to [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au) or by facsimile on 02 6243 1211.

Persons lodging a submission with the ACCC may, in certain circumstances, request that information included in the submission be excluded from the public register. Submissions which are excluded from the public register may still be taken into account by the ACCC. Guidelines for seeking exclusion from the public register are available at [www.accc.gov.au](http://www.accc.gov.au).

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made at a pre-determination conference, if one is called, and will then release a final determination in relation to these applications.

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 Shane Chisholm on (02) 6243 1252.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Scott Gregson', written over a horizontal line.

Scott Gregson  
General Manager  
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