

Supplementary questions to Market Inquiries Letter of 24 July

PART D - Bauxite

1. What are the consequences of Rio Tinto acquiring Alcan's bauxite interests?
2. In relation to question 1:
 - a. Will Rio Tinto's acquisition of Alcan's bauxite interests have the effect of restricting the supply of bauxite to Australian refineries, or are there viable alternative sources of bauxite available? The ACCC will particularly be focussing on the supply of bauxite in Queensland.
 - b. Does an increase in Rio Tinto's control of Australian bauxite reserves, through the acquisition of Alcan's interest, have flow-on effects for the downstream alumina or aluminium industries?
3. Does the proposed acquisition raise any other concerns in relation to bauxite production?