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Dear Ms Fowkes

**Job Futures Ltd applications for authorisation (A91084 – A91085)
- draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the above mentioned applications for authorisation.

Draft determination

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached. The draft determination will also be available from the ACCC's website (www.accc.gov.au).

For the reasons set out in Chapter 6 of its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation to Job Futures to collectively tender on behalf of its members for government employment services contracts. However, the ACCC proposes not to grant authorisation to Job Futures for its current 'non-compete' arrangements.

Next steps

Job Futures or any interested party who may be dissatisfied with the ACCC's draft determination may request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'. 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 **10 July 2008**.

Alternatively, you are also invited to make a written submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination. Written submissions should be lodged by **17 July 2008** at the following address:

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

As you are aware, persons lodging a submission with the ACCC may request that information included in the submission be excluded from the public register in certain circumstances. Submissions which are excluded from the public register may still be taken into account by the ACCC when conducting its assessment of an authorisation application. Guidelines for seeking exclusion from the public register are attached for your information.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a pre-decision conference be called, and will then release a final determination in relation to these applications. Consistent with its initial indicative timetable, the ACCC expects to issue a final determination for this matter in July/August 2008.

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 David Hatfield on (02) 6243 1266 or at david.hatfield@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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