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Dear Mr Gray

**Tabcorp Manager Pty Ltd Applications for authorisation A91127 to A91132
- draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the applications for authorisation lodged by Tabcorp Manager Pty Ltd (Tabcorp) on 30 March 2009.

Draft determination

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation until 14 August 2012. The ACCC's assessment is set out in Chapter 4 on pages 19 to 30.

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, Tabcorp or any interested party 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 **31 July 2009**.

Alternatively, you are invited to make a written submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination. Submissions should be lodged by **7 August 2009**.

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.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (guidelines are attached).

Timetable

The ACCC will continue to progress its assessment of the applications in a timely manner. An updated indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

30 March 2009	Lodgement of applications and supporting submission.
3 April 2009	Public consultation process begins.
29 April 2009	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
15 July 2009	Draft determination.
July/August 2009	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
August/September 2009	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 Tess Macrae on (03) 9290 1835.

Yours sincerely



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