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Dear Mr McDonald

**North West Shelf joint venture partners' applications for authorisation –  
A91220 – A91223**

I refer to the above applications for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 31 March 2010.

Please find enclosed, for your information, a copy of the letter the ACCC sent today to potentially interested parties as part of its public consultation process.

All publicly available submissions will be posted on the authorisations register of the ACCC's website ([www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister](http://www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister)). At the end of the consultation period the ACCC will provide you with a copy of all publicly available submissions received in relation to these applications.

**Timetable**

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

31 March	Lodgement of applications and supporting submissions
6 April	Public consultation process begins
30 April	Closing date for submissions from interested parties
May	Closing date for Applicants to respond to interested party submissions
June/July	ACCC releases its draft determination
July/August	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called
August/September	ACCC releases its final determination

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please contact David Hatfield on (02) 6243 1266 ([david.hatfield@acc.gov.au](mailto:david.hatfield@acc.gov.au)) or Simon Mitchell on (03) 9290 6909 ([simon.mitchell@acc.gov.au](mailto:simon.mitchell@acc.gov.au)).

Yours sincerely



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