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Dear Ms Evans and Ms Smith

**Vision Group Holdings Limited application for authorisation A91217  
- draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Vision Group Holdings Limited on 29 March 2010.

**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 for five years.

**Next steps**

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicants 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 **25 June 2010**.

Alternatively, you are invited to make a written submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination. Submissions should be lodged by **25 June 2010**.

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 application in a timely manner. An updated indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

<b>29 March 2010</b>	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
<b>7 April 2010</b>	Public consultation process begins.
<b>9 June 2010</b>	Draft determination issued.
<b>25 June 2010</b>	Deadline for requesting a conference or providing a submission in response to the draft determination.
<b>July/August 2010</b>	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 Erin Donohue on (02) 6243 1291.

Yours sincerely



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