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Dear Ms Chai

Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation applications for authorisation A91224 & A91225 – draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the applications for authorisation lodged by the State of Queensland through the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation on 15 and 23 April 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 subject to conditions for three years. The ACCC's assessment is set out in Chapter Four.

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 **26 August 2010**.

Alternatively, you are invited to make a written submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination. Submissions should be lodged by **2 September 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.

15 April 2010	Lodgement of application A91224 and supporting submission.
23 April 2010	Lodgement of application A91225.
28 April 2010	Public consultation process begins.
21 May 2010	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
June 2010	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
12 August 2010	Draft determination.
August/September 2010	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
September/October 2010	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 Lauren Roy on 03 9290 1823 or David Secombe on 02 6243 1394.

Yours sincerely



for
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