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Dear Ms Brown

**Rio Tinto Aluminium Limited and ors applications for authorisation A91205-A91207
- interested party consultation**

I refer to the above mentioned application for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 24 December 2009.

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 ACCC internet site at www.accc.gov.au. Alternatively, at the end of the consultation period the ACCC can arrange for you to receive a copy of all publicly available submissions received in relation to the application.

Timetable

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

24 December 2009	Lodgement of applications and supporting submission.
8 January 2010	Public consultation process begins.
29 January 2010	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.

February	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
March/April	Draft determination.
April/May	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
May/June	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 Clare McGinness on (02) 6243 1049.

Yours sincerely



Dr Richard Chadwick
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