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***Via email: [matthew.bull@hsf.com](mailto:matthew.bull@hsf.com)***

Dear Mr Bull

**Surat Basin and Bowen Basin coal producers' application for authorisation A91338  
– interested party consultation**

I refer to the above mentioned application for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 18 October 2012.

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/AuthorisationsRegister](http://www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister) as they are received.

At the end of the consultation period the ACCC will 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.

<b>18 October 2012</b>	Lodgement of application and supporting submission, including request for interim authorisation.
<b>26 October 2012</b>	Public consultation process begins.
<b>2 November 2012</b>	Closing date for submissions on interim authorisation.
<b>7 November 2012</b>	Applicants respond to issues raised by interested parties in relation to interim authorisation request.
<b>November 2012</b>	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
<b>19 November 2012</b>	Closing date for submissions from interested parties on the substantive application for authorisation.
<b>December 2012</b>	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
<b>December 2012</b>	Draft determination.
<b>January/February 2013</b>	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
<b>February/March 2013*</b>	Final determination.

\* This timeframe may be longer if a conference is requested in response to the ACCC's draft 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 Ms Jaime Martin on (03) 9290 1477 (or at [jaime.martin@acc.gov.au](mailto:jaime.martin@acc.gov.au)) or myself on (02) 6243 1266 (or at [david.hatfield@acc.gov.au](mailto:david.hatfield@acc.gov.au)).

Yours sincerely



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