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Dear Mr Cockburn

## Shopping Centre Council of Australia Ltd application for revocation of authorisations A91049 and A91050 and substitution of new authorisations A91329 and A91330 – Draft Determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in relation to the above mentioned application received from the Shopping Centre Council of Australia (the SCCA) on 21 August 2012.

## **Draft determination**

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination and summary of its reasons is attached.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for five years.

Further, the ACCC proposes to suspend the operation of A91049 and A91050 which are about to expire on 31 December 2012 and grant interim authorisation in substitution for the authorisations suspended to commence on 13 December 2012.

## **Next steps**

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicant or any interested party may make a written submission and/or request that the ACCC convene a 'predecision conference'.

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **16 January 2013**.

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 between by **16 January 2013**. 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. Please see the ACCC's publication <u>Guidelines for excluding information from the public register</u>.

## **Timetable**

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

21 August 2012	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
29 August 2012	Public consultation process begins.
21 September 2012	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
September 2012	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
12 December 2012	Draft determination, public consultation commences
2 – 16 January 2013	Public consultation on any conference if called.
16 January 2013	Public consultation on draft determination concludes.
February 2013	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 Anna Giannakos on (03) 9290 6920 or by email at <a href="mailto:anna.giannakos@accc.gov.au">anna.giannakos@accc.gov.au</a>.

Yours sincerely

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