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Mr Lindsay Descovich Principal Compliance Officer Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation Locked Bag 180 CITY EAST QLD 4002

By email: Lindsay.Descovich@justice.gld.gov.au;

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Dear Mr Descovich

Queensland Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation application for revocation of authorisations A91224 & A91225 and substitution of new authorisations A91385 & A91386 – interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) is currently conducting a consultation process on an application for re-authorisation (applications for revocation and substitution) received from the Queensland Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (**OLGR**) on 17 September 2013.

The ACCC is also consulting on the OLGR's request for interim authorisation to allow signatories to the CBD Townsville Liquor Accord to continue receiving statutory protection to implement the price and supply controls contained in that agreement, while the ACCC considers the merits of the applications for re-authorisation.

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. 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.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
17 September 2013	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
18 September 2013	Public consultation process begins.
24 September 2013	Closing date for submissions regarding interim authorisation.
Early October 2013	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
4 October 2013	Closing date for submissions from interested parties on substantive application.
11 October 2013	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
December 2013 / January 2014	Draft determination.
January / February 2014	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
February/March 2014	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 Megan Cunningham on (03) 9290 1856 or megan.cunningham@accc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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