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Mr Ben Kearney
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By email: ben@anf.net.au

Dear Mr Kearney

**Australian Newsagents' Federation Ltd application for authorisation A91349
- draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation from the Australian Newsagents' Federation Ltd (**ANF**).

Draft determination

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. Also attached is a summary of the authorisation process. For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for five years.

Next steps

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

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **1 March 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 by **1 March 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 this application. Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (guidelines are attached).

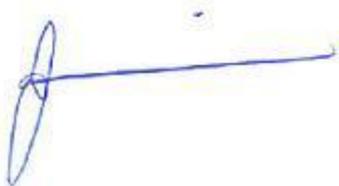
Timetable

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
6 December 2012	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
10 December 2012	Initial public consultation process commences
17 December 2012	Lodgement of amended application.
19 December 2012	Public consultation on amended application commences.
15 January 2013	Closing date for initial submissions from interested parties.
January 2013	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
Mid February 2013	Draft determination.
February 2013	Public consultation on draft determination.
March/April 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 Megan Cunningham on (03) 9290 1856.

Yours sincerely



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Director
Adjudication Branch