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Homeworker Code Committee application A91354-A91357 – interim authorisation decision

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation (through revocation and substitution) lodged by the Homeworker Code Committee (the HWCC) on 21 February 2013.

The ACCC's reasons for decision are set out in the attached document.

Interim authorisation protects the arrangements for which authorisation is sought from legal action under the relevant provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the application.

Next steps

For your information, an application to vary the applications for authorisation has now been received by the ACCC, proposing a revised Code. As part of its formal authorisation process, the ACCC will soon be seeking submissions from interested parties regarding the applications to authorise the revised Code for a further 5 years

Following receipt of those submissions, the ACCC will consider the issues raised (including any relevant issues raised during the consultation process for interim authorisation) and will release a draft determination which will take account of any submissions received from the HWCC and interested parties. This draft determination will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the application and both the HWCC and interested parties will have the opportunity to provide a further submission on the draft determination before the ACCC issues its final decision.

As noted in the attached decision, the ACCC may review its decision on interim authorisation at any time. In this regard the ACCC will reconsider this decision at the time of issuing its draft determination. The ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

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 Tanya Hobbs on 02 6243 1029.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized initial 'R' followed by a long horizontal line.

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