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Dear Mr McLachlan

**Royal Automobile Club of Queensland applications for authorisation A91358 & A91359 - interested party consultation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the Royal Automobile Club of Queensland (RACQ) on 20 February 2013.

**Draft determination**

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached. 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 Applicant 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 **Thursday, 16 May 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 **Thursday, 16 May 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 [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#).

### **Timetable**

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

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| <b>20 February 2013</b> | Lodgement of application and supporting submission.                            |
| <b>28 February 2013</b> | Public consultation process begins.  |
| <b>21 March 2013</b>    | Closing date for submissions from interested parties.                          |
| <b>4 April 2013</b>     | Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.        |
| <b>2 May 2013</b>       | Draft determination.   |
| <b>May 2013</b>         | Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called. |
| <b>June 2013</b>        | 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 David Hatfield on 02 6243 1266 or at [david.hatfield@accc.gov.au](mailto:david.hatfield@accc.gov.au), or Gina D'Ettorre on 03 9290 1483 or at [gina.dettorre@accc.gov.au](mailto:gina.dettorre@accc.gov.au).

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