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Dear Sir/Madam

Queensland Newsagents Federation application for authorisation A91353 - draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Queensland Newsagents Federation (QNF) on 4 February 2013.

QNF is seeking authorisation to enable it to collectively bargain over certain terms and conditions of lottery agent agreements with Tatts Group, including its subsidiary Golden Casket.

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 to QNF to collectively bargain for five years. However, the ACCC does not propose to authorise collective bargaining in relation to the terms and conditions relating to new outlets or 'other issues that may arise from time to time that are currently unforeseen'.

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'. Please see the ACCC's publication [Authorisation process - the basics](#) for a summary of the authorisation process and how to make a submission to the ACCC.

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **21 June 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 **14 June 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.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
4 February 2013	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
11 February 2013	Public consultation process begins.
27 February 2013	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
29 May 2013	Draft determination.
June 2013	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
July 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 Tanya Hobbs on (02) 6243 1029.

Yours sincerely



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