



Holcim Australia Pty Ltd authorisation application A91377 Interim authorisation decision

On 19 June 2013 Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd (**Holcim**) applied for re-authorisation to continue to operate its concrete cartage allocation system in Western Australia. Holcim has been operating the system under authorisation A91082, which expires on 30 June 2013.

Due to the impending expiry of the current authorisation, Holcim has requested interim authorisation as part of the new application.

Interim authorisation will allow Holcim to continue to operate the concrete cartage allocation system while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the substantive application.

The allocation system, known as the Equal Opportunity of Trips System, works by assigning points to concrete carriers (truck drivers) based on their load volumes and trip distances. On a rolling 12 month basis, the system ensures that a concrete carrier's aggregate points are within a specified margin (currently 5%) of Holcim's Perth fleet average.

Interim authorisation

The ACCC has decided to suspend the operation of authorisation A91082 and grant interim authorisation to application A91377 consistent with section 91(2)(f) of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*.

Reasons for decision

In assessing the request for interim authorisation the ACCC considered that there was benefit in allowing the cartage allocation system to continue to operate in its current form while the ACCC evaluates the merits of the substantive application. Interim authorisation will avoid disruption to the commercial operations of both Holcim and the independent contractors during the assessment period.

Reconsideration of 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 the interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

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