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Dear Madam / Sir

Victorian Taxi Association – application for authorisation A91428 – draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the Victorian Taxi Association on 12 May 2014.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation, for three years, to current and future taxi operators participating in a cooperative network (existing or future network) within Victoria's regional or country taxi licence zones to make and give effect to contracts, arrangements or understandings within that cooperative network as to the maximum fares charged for booked and contracted work.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached.

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

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicant or any other 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 **22 September 2014**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@accc.gov.au with the subject 'A91428 – Victorian Taxi Association – submission'.

A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination. Conferences are conducted informally. 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, you must notify the ACCC in writing by **22 September 2014**.

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 the application.

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.

| Date / indicative date | Stage in assessment process |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 12 May 2014 | Application lodged |
| 5 September 2014 | Draft determination |
| 22 September 2014 | Deadline for applicant and interested parties to make submissions |
| November 2014 | 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 or through adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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