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Dear Interested Party

Lottery Agents Queensland Ltd application for revocation of authorisation A91101 and substitution of new authorisation A91397 - draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for re-authorisation received from Lottery Agents Queensland Ltd on 22 November 2013.

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.

Lottery Agents Queensland is seeking re-authorisation to allow it to continue to collectively bargain over the terms and conditions of agency agreements with Tatts Group and any other organisation licenced to conduct lotteries in Queensland.

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 the 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 **27 March 2014**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "A91397 – Lottery Agents Queensland Ltd – 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 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 **13 March 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 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
22 November 2014	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
4 December 2014	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation (following initial consultations with Tatts Group).
9 December 2014	Public consultation process begins.
27 February 2014	Draft determination.
February/March 2014	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
April/May 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 Tanya Hobbs on 02 6243 1029 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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