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Mr Simon Muys  
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**By email:** [smuys@gtlaw.com.au](mailto:smuys@gtlaw.com.au)

Dear Mr Muys,

**Rio Tinto Coal Australia Pty Limited, Peabody Energy Australia Pty Ltd and  
Pacific National Pty Ltd applications for authorisation A91410 & A91411  
- interested party consultation**

I refer to the above mentioned application for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**the ACCC**) on 25 February 2014.

Please find enclosed, for your information, a copy of the letter the ACCC sent today to potentially interested parties as part of its public consultation process.

All publicly available submissions will be posted on the ACCC internet site at [www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister](http://www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister). Alternatively, at the end of the consultation period the ACCC can arrange for you to receive a copy of all publicly available submissions received in relation to the application.

**Timetable**

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

<b>25 February 2014</b>	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
<b>February 2014</b>	Public consultation process begins.

<b>10 March 2014</b>	Closing date for submissions on interim authorisation.
<b>Late March 2014</b>	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
<b>28 March 2014</b>	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
<b>April 2014</b>	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
<b>June 2014</b>	Draft determination.
<b>July 2014</b>	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
<b>August 2014</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 Hannah Ransom on (02) 6243 1255 or [hannah.ransom@acc.gov.au](mailto:hannah.ransom@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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