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By email: mAnthony@professionalsaustralia.org.au

Dear Ms Anthony

**Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers, Australia (APESMA)
A91402 - Draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by APESMA on 23 December 2013.

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 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'.

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 **30 April 2014**.

We have asked interested parties that, if they wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, they lodge these with the ACCC by **2 May 2014**.

The ACCC will send you a copy of all publicly available submissions received. If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination or any submissions from interested parties, please do so by **12 May 2014**, by email to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "A91402 – APESMA – submission".

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
23 December 2013	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
8 January 2014	Public consultation process begins.
16 April 2014	Draft determination.
30 April 2014	Deadline for requesting pre-decision conference.
2 May 2014	Submissions on draft determination.
June 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 Anna Giannakos on (03) 9290 6920.

Yours sincerely



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