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Dear Mr Spier

**Authorisation A91407 submitted by the Australian Newsagents' Federation
- draft determination**

I refer to the application for authorisation lodged by the Australian Newsagents' Federation (ANF) with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 3 February 2014.

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 ten 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 15 May 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 15 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 22 May 2014, by email to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "A91134 – Australian Newsagents' Federation – 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 the ANF's 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.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
3 February 2014	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
5 February 2014	Public consultation process begins.
1 May 2014	Draft determination.
15 May 2014	Deadline for submissions and requesting pre-decision conference, if called.
June / July 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 adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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