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Dear Sir / Madam

Australian Newsagents' Federation Application for revocation of authorisation A91134 and A91174 and substitution of new authorisation A91407 - Draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for re-authorisation (application for revocation and substitution) lodged by the Australian Newsagents Federation (ANF) on 3 February 2014.

The ANF is seeking authorisation in its own right and on behalf of its Member State Branches to engage in collective bargaining with a range of suppliers. The ANF has proposed that participation in the collective bargaining process will be voluntary for all parties.

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.

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by 15 May 2014. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "A91134 – Australian Newsagents' Federation – submission".

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.

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
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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