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Mr Geoff Noble  
Chief Executive Officer  
Australian Brick & Blocklaying Training Foundation Ltd

**By email:** [Geoff.Noble@abbtf.com.au](mailto:Geoff.Noble@abbtf.com.au)

Dear Mr Noble,

**Australian Brick & Blocklaying Training Foundation & Ors application for authorisation A91418 - draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the Australian Brick & Blocklaying Training Foundation, Think Brick Australia and the Concrete Masonry Association of Australia (the Applicants).

The Australian Brick & Blocklaying Training Foundation Ltd, Think Brick Australia and the Concrete Masonry Association of Australia and their members seek revocation and substitution of their current authorisation to continue to apply a levy on the sale of clay bricks and concrete masonry, and for Think Brick and the Concrete Masonry Association to agree to match the levy, in order to fund programs to address the skill shortage in bricklaying.

**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'.

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **20 June 2014**.

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 **20 June 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* (attached).

### **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.

<b>Indicative date</b>	<b>Stage in assessment process</b>
11 April 2014	Lodgement of application
16 April 2014	Public consultation process begins.
5 June 2014	Draft determination.
June 2014	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
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 Hannah Ransom on (02) 6243 1255 or [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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