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Dear Sir/Madam

Jewellers Association of Australia application for authorisation A91432 – interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) is currently conducting a consultation process on an application for authorisation received from the Jewellers Association of Australia (JAA) on 24 June 2014.

The JAA seeks to establish a retail tenancy database for use by its members. The database will include de-identified information about the terms and conditions associated with retail tenancies. The database will be populated (at least in part) by information reported by members as to the details of their own retail tenancies, including the price paid and the total area leased.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you, as a potentially interested party, to comment on the application. 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.

A copy of the application is attached and is available on the ACCC's website www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister.

Request for submissions

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed arrangements.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the JAA's application for authorisation please do so by **18 July 2014**. Please email your submission to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "A91432 – Jewellers Association of Australia – submission".

Submissions, including oral 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 progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
24 June 2014	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
27 June 2014	Public consultation process begins.
18 July 2014	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
July 2014	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
August 2014	Draft determination.
August/September 2014	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
October/November 2014	Final determination.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time, but would like to be informed of the progress of the application at the draft and final determination stages. If you are able to, please provide a nominated contact email address for future correspondence.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the application.

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 Darrell Channing on (02) 6243 4925 or Luke Griffin on (02) 6243 1114, or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Jewellers Association of Australia - Authorisation - A91432

A sample of JAA retail members
Australian Retailers Association
Australian Small Business Commissioner
Charter Hall
Choice
Consumer Affairs - Department of Justice - Northern Territory Government
Consumer Affairs Victoria
Consumers Federation of Australia
Council of Small Business Australia
Jewellers and Metalsmiths Group of Australia, NSW
Leasing Information Services
McConaghy Group
Michael Hill
National Independent Retailers Association Inc
National Retail Association
New South Wales Small Business Commissioner
Perron Group
Property Owners Association of Australia (State Associations)
Prouds Jewellers
QIC
Real Estate Institute of ACT
Real Estate Institute of Australia
Real Estate Institute of Northern Territory
Real Estate Institute of Queensland
Real Estate Institute of SA
Real Estate Institute of VIC
Real Estate Institute of WA
SA Small Business Commissioner
Shopping Centre Council of Australia
South Australian Lease Management
Stockland
The Gemmological Association of Australia
Victorian Small Business Commissioner
WA Small Business Commissioner
Westfield
Zamels Jewellers