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Dear Ms Evans

**TAB Agents Association of New South Wales application for revocation of
authorisation A91125 and substitution of new authorisation A91430 - draft
determination and interim authorisation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a draft determination and has granted interim authorisation in respect of the application for re-authorisation (application for revocation and substitution) lodged by TAB Agents Association of New South Wales (**the Association**) on 22 May 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 re-authorisation for ten years.

Interim authorisation

The ACCC has also granted interim authorisation to allow the Association to continue to implement its current collective bargaining arrangements, as authorised by the ACCC on 26 June 2009 (A91125), until the ACCC has the opportunity to make a final decision on the re-authorisation application.

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 **1 August 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 **1 August 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 the 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
22 May 2014	Lodgement of application and supporting submission, including request for interim authorisation.
17 July 2014	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation and draft determination.
1 August 2014	Closing date for submissions on the draft determination including any conference if called.
Sept/October 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 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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