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The Australian Paint Manufacturers' Federation Inc. & Ors – A91504 – interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**ACCC**) is currently conducting a consultation process on an application for authorisation received from The Australian Paint Manufacturers' Federation Inc. (**APMF**) on behalf of itself, Paint Stewardship Limited (**PSL**), and certain paint manufacturers and suppliers (together, the **APMF & Ors**) on 1 July 2015.

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.

APMF & Ors seek authorisation to apply a levy of up to \$0.15 per litre to the cost of supply of certain architectural and design (**A&D**) paints and woodcare products, which will fund a National Paint Product Stewardship Scheme to provide a nationally co-ordinated approach to the collection and disposal of A&D paints in Australia.

A full copy of the application and detailed supporting submission is attached. It is also available on the ACCC's website at 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 application for authorisation please do so by **7 August 2015**.

Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject 'A91504 – APMF & Ors – submission'. Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Hubert Wu on (03) 9658 6490 or Luke Griffin on (02) 6243 1114 or via email adjudication@acc.gov.au to organise a suitable time.

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](#).

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 applications 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 applications.

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

1 July 2015	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
15 July 2015	Public consultation process begins.
7 August 2015	Closing date for submissions on application for authorisation.
August 2015	Applicants respond to issues raised in the public consultation process.
September 2015	Draft determination.
September/October 2015	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
October/November 2015	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 Hubert Wu on (03) 9658 6490 or Luke Griffin on (02) 6243 1114 or by email to adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Interested Party List

ACT
ACT Parliament
Australian Conservation Foundation
Australian Industry Group
Australian Local Government Association
Australian National Retail Association
Australian Packaging Covenant
Australian Retailers Association
BASF Australia
Brisbane City Council
Bristol
Bunnings Group Limited
Cameleon Coatings and Paint Manufactuerers
CHOICE
City West Water
Close the Loop
Crowies Paints
Department of Environment
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Department of Environment Regulation
Department of Primary Industry, Parks, Water and Environment
Dulux Australia
Environment and Planning
Environment and Planning Directorate
Environment Protection Authority Victoria
Environmental Protection Authority, New South Wales
EPA SA
EPA Tasmania
EPA WA
Geocycle
Global Product Stewardship Council
Henry Haymes Pty Ltd
Home Timber and Hardware Group
Housing Industry Association
Independent Cement and Lime
InfoActiv
Inspiration Paints
Inspiration Paints (formerly 3D Paint Store Holdings)
Landcare Australia Ltd
Local Government Assocaiton of Tasmania
Local Government Association of NT
Local Government Association of Queensland

Local Government NSW
Master Painters & Decorators Australia
Master Painters Association, ACT
Master Painters Association, NSW
Master Painters Association, QLD
Master Painters Association, Queensland
Master Painters Association, SA
Master Painters Association, VIC
Masters Australia
Melbourne Water
Metro Waste Management Group (Vic)
Mitre 10
Municipal Association of Victoria
National Institute of Painters and Decorators
Nolan Consulting
Northern Territory Government
NSW Office of Water
NSW Parliament
NT EPA
NT Parliament
Paint Place
Paint Spot Pty Ltd
PaintRight
Planet Ark
Plastic and Chemical industry Association
PPG Industries
Queensland
Resene Paints
SA Local Government Association
South Australia Parliament
South East Water
Sustainability Victoria
Sydney Water
Tasmania Parliament
Territory and Municipal Services
ToxFree (formerly Chemsal)
Transpacific Industrial
Valspar
Veolia
Victoria Parliament
VIP Packaging
WA Waste Authority
Water Corporation of WA
Wattyl Australia

West Australia Parliament
West Australian Local Government Association
Yarra Valley Water
Zero Waste SA