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Sent via email

Dear Sir/Madam

Australian Directors Guild Limited application for authorisation A91499 – draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Australian Directors Guild Limited (ADG) on 20 May 2015.

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.

ADG is seeking authorisation for five years for current and future members of ADG to collectively negotiate a model agreement with Screen Producers Australia for use by ADG members when contracting with producers of television for television series and serials, including:

- current and future members of Screen Producers Australia
- current and future television producers who receive funding grant(s) from Screen Australia, and
- current and future television producers who benefit from the Producer Offset Tax Rebate, administered by Screen Australia.

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 five 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 31 July 2015. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "A91499 – Australian Directors Guild Limited – submission".

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 31 July 2015.

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 this 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
20 May 2015	Lodgement of application A91499 and supporting submission.
27 May 2015	Public consultation process begins.
12 June 2015	Closing date for submissions on the application for authorisation.
16 July 2015	Draft determination.
July/August 2015	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
August/September 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 Hannah Ransom on 02 6243 1255 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Jones', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Gavin Jones
Director
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