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Mr Luke Woodward  
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Dear Mr Woodward

**Virgin Australia and Etihad Airways application for revocation of authorisations A91247 – A91248 and substitution of new authorisations A91510 – A91511 – interested party consultation**

I refer to the above mentioned application for re-authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) on 6 August 2015.

Please find enclosed, for your information, a copy of the letter the ACCC sent today to potentially interested parties as part of its consultation process.

All publicly available submissions will be posted on the ACCC website at [www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister](http://www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister). Alternatively, at the end of the consultation period the ACCC can arrange for you to receive a copy of all publicly available submissions received in relation to the application.

**Timetable**

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

<b>Indicative date</b>	<b>Stage in assessment process</b>
6 August 2015	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
13 August 2015	Public consultation process begins.
10 September 2015	Closing date for submissions on the applications for re-authorisation.
30 September 2015	Applicants respond to issues raised in the public consultation process.
October/November 2015	Draft determination.

November 2015	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
December 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 Luke Griffin on (02) 6243 1114 or Hannah Ransom on (02) 6243 1255.

Yours sincerely



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