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Dear Sir/Madam

**Australian Directors Guild Limited application for authorisation A91499
– interested party consultation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) is currently conducting a consultation process on an application for authorisation received from Australian Directors Guild Limited (ADG) on 20 May 2015.

ADG is seeking authorisation for five years for current and future members of ADG to collectively negotiate and give effect to a model agreement which can be used 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.

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

As you may be aware, the ACCC is also currently considering an application for authorisation for current and future members of Screen Producers Australia to collectively negotiate model terms of engagement with entities including the ADG. The ACCC has previously invited comments about the Screen Producers Australia application. Copies of both applications are 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 conduct the subject of the ADG application.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the application for authorisation please do so by **12 June 2015**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "A91499 – Australian Directors Guild Limited – submission".

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Georgina Brett on 03 9658 6439 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](#).

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the applications in a timely manner. An 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.
19 June 2015	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
July 2015	Draft determination.
July/August 2015	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
August/September 2015	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 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 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 Georgina Brett on 03 9658 6439 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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

Gavin Jones
Director
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List of interested parties consulted

Australian Broadcasting Corporation
Australian Communications and Media Authority
Department of Communications
FOXTEL
Network Ten
Nine Entertainment
Screen Australia
Screen Producers Australia
Seven Network
Special Broadcasting Service