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Dear Sir / Madam

**Property Media Group Pty Ltd applications authorisation A91537-A91538 –
draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the applications for authorisation lodged by Property Media Group Pty Ltd (PMG) on 18 April 2016.

As you may recall, PMG seeks authorisation to collectively bargain on behalf of any real estate agent or real estate franchise network with any supplier of real estate advertising (both print and online) in Australia. It also seeks authorisation to engage in collective boycotts of realestate.com.au and domain.com.au in certain circumstances.

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 deny authorisation for the proposed collective bargaining and boycott arrangements.

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 **Friday, 16 September 2016**.

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 **Thursday, 8 September 2016**.

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 these applications.

I would note that the statutory timeframe for the ACCC to make a final determination on these applications is 18 October 2016. For this reason, the ACCC will be unable to extend the period for submissions.

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
18 April 2016	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
22 April 2016	Public consultation process begins.
24 August 2016	Draft determination.
August/September 2016	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
October 2016	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter please contact Jaime Martin on (03) 9290 1477 (or jaime.martin@accc.gov.au) or myself on (02) 96243 1266 (or david.hatfield@accc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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