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By email

Dear Madam / Sir

TLS Association Pty Ltd & TLA Australia Ltd – Application for authorisation A91521 – draft determination, interim authorisation and invitation to make submissions

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination proposing to authorise TLS Association Pty Ltd & TLA Australia (collectively, TLA) Ltd to collectively negotiate on behalf of its Telstra Licensed Shops and/or Telstra Business Centres members (Members) with suppliers of products and services to these Members.

The ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for 10 years.

The ACCC has also decided to grant interim authorisation to enable TLA to continue to collectively bargain on behalf of its Members while the ACCC completes its assessment.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination and interim authorisation decision document is **attached**.

Please see the ACCC's publication [Authorisation process – the basics](#) for a summary of the authorisation process.

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the applicant for authorisation 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 **4 March 2016**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "A91521 TLS Association Pty Ltd & TLA Australia Ltd – 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 about this draft determination, you must notify the ACCC in writing by **4 March 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.

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

Below is an updated indicative timetable for the assessment of this matter.

Date/indicative date	Stage in assessment process
24 December 2015	Application lodged
18 February 2016	Draft determination & Interim authorisation
4 March 2016	Deadline for submissions on draft determination and for requesting a pre-decision conference
March/April	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 Saraj Bhullar on (03) 9290 1941 or through adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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