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By email

Dear Sir/Madam

Western Australian Broiler Growers' Association Inc application for revocation of authorisation A91262 and substitution of new authorisation A91527 – draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the Western Australian Broiler Growers' Association (WABGA) on 15 February 2016.

Please see the attached ACCC publication [Authorisation process - the basics](#) for a summary of the authorisation process and how to make a submission to the ACCC.

WABGA is seeking authorisation for its chicken grower members to continue to collectively bargain with the chicken processor they supply.

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 10 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 **15 April 2016**. "Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "A91527 – WABGA – 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 **15 April 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 this application.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the attached 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
15 February 2016	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
17 February 2016	Public consultation process begins.
2 March 2016	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
March 2016	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
30 March 2016	Draft determination.
April	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
May/June 2016	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 application 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 me on 02 6243 1266.

Yours sincerely



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