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Dear Sir/Madam

Tenpin Bowling Australia & Ors - Application for authorisation A91531 - Interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) is conducting a consultation process on an application for authorisation received from Tenpin Bowling Australia (TBA) on 3 March 2016.

TBA has lodged an application for authorisation to engage in exclusive dealing. TBA proposes to require bowling centres in Australia to collect annual membership fees from competition bowlers who attend their centres for competition. If bowling centres fail to collect membership fees from a certain proportion of competition bowlers, TBA can deregister the bowling centre. This means that competitions at these centres are no longer recognised by TBA and results are not registered.

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.

A copy of the application is 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.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the applications for authorisation please do so by **1 April 2016**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "A91531 – Tenpin Bowling Australia – submission".

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 application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

3 March 2016	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
18 March 2016	Public consultation process begins.
1 April 2016	Closing date for submissions from interested parties in relation to the application.
April 2016	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
April/May 2016	Draft determination.
April/May 2016	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 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 applications.

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 Theo Kelly on (02) 6243 1179 or by email: adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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