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Dear Mr Horvath

### **Tenpin Bowling Australia application for authorisation A91531 – draft determination & interim authorisation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination and granted interim authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Tenpin Bowling Australia (**TBA**) on 3 March 2016.

#### **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 ten years. The ACCC has also granted interim authorisation.

#### **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 **2 May 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 **13 May 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.

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.

<b>Indicative date</b>	<b>Stage in assessment process</b>
<b>3 March 2016</b>	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
<b>18 March 2016</b>	Public consultation process begins.
<b>13 April 2016</b>	Draft determination and interim authorisation.
<b>April/May 2016</b>	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
<b>May/June 2016</b>	Final determination.

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 [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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