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Sent via email

Dear Mr Lawrie

Transport Workers Union of Australia SA/NT Branch – collective bargaining application for authorisation A91589 (Whyalla) – interim authorisation decision

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the Transport Workers Union of Australia SA/NT Branch (the **TWU**) on 27 June 2017. A copy of the ACCC's interim authorisation decision is attached.

Interim authorisation protects the arrangements for which authorisation is sought from legal action under the relevant provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the application.

Next steps

As you are aware, submissions from interested parties on the substantive application are due by 9 August 2017. The ACCC will arrange for you to receive a copy of any public submission received.

The next step in the process is for the ACCC to release a draft determination which will take account of any submissions from the TWU and interested parties and will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the application. The ACCC will give both the TWU and interested parties the opportunity to provide a further submission on the draft determination before the ACCC issues its final decision.

As noted in the attached decision, the ACCC may review its decision on interim authorisation at any time. In this regard the ACCC will reconsider this decision at the time of issuing its draft determination. The ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please contact Fei Wu on (03) 9290 1987 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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