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Dear Ms Pecotic

Independent Cinemas Australia Inc. application for authorisation A91587— Draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Independent Cinemas Australia Inc. on 13 June 2017.

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 five 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 **COB 20 October 2017**.

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 **COB 13 October 2017**.

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 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.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
13 June 2017	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
22 June 2017	Public consultation on the application begins.
28 September 2017	Draft determination.
September/October 2017	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
December 2017	Final determination.

This letter will be placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter please do not hesitate to contact Simon Bell on (02) 6243 1232.

Yours sincerely



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