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Dear Mr Rankin and Ms Avery

Authorisation AA1000399 submitted by Port of Brisbane & Carnival — consultation and request for material to be excluded from the public register

I refer to your clients' application for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 11 October 2017.

Interested party consultation

Please find enclosed, for your information, a copy of the letter the ACCC sent today to potentially interested parties as part of its public consultation process.

All publicly available submissions will be placed on the ACCC website at www.acc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister.

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

11 October 2017	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
16 October 2017	Public consultation process begins.
23 October 2017	Closing date for submissions on interim authorisation.
October/November	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
3 November 2017	Closing date for submissions on substantive application.
November 2017	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
January 2018	Draft determination.
January/ February 2018	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
February/March 2018	Final determination.

Public register exclusion request

The ACCC has considered your clients' request that redacted sections in their supporting submission, and the attachments to the supporting submission, be excluded from the ACCC's public register.

As you are aware, the ACCC is generally required under section 89 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the Act) to place documents provided to it in relation to an application for authorisation on the ACCC's public register. The Act provides that a person submitting a document in relation to an authorisation application may request that the document or parts thereof be excluded from the public register by reason of the nature of certain information contained in the supporting submission and attachments.

The ACCC has decided that the attachments and relevant parts of the supporting submission will not be placed on the public register.

I note that you also provided a public version of your clients' submission. This version will be placed on the public register in the form it was provided to the ACCC.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Hannah Ransom on (02) 6243 1255.

Yours sincerely



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