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By email

Dear Madam / Sir

## Taylors Wines Pty Ltd application for authorisation AA1000401- draft determination & interim authorisation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Taylors Wines Pty Ltd on 13 October 2017.

Please see the ACCC's publication <u>Authorisation process - the basics</u> for a summary of the authorisation process and how to make a submission to the ACCC.

Taylors Wines is seeking authorisation to enter into commercial discussions with third party wine suppliers to coordinate joint marketing and promotional arrangements pertaining to a supply arrangement between Taylors Wines and Deliveroo Australia Pty Ltd.

Taylor Wines also requested interim authorisation to commence the proposed conduct while the ACCC completes its assessment process.

## **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. The ACCC also decided to grant interim authorisation which will remain in place until the date the ACCC's final determination comes into effect or until the ACCC decides to revoke interim authorisation. The ACCC can review its decision to grant interim authorisation at any time.

## **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 **17 November 2017**. "Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@accc.gov.au with the subject "AA1000401 – Taylors Wines – submission".

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 **9 November 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 these applications.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication <u>Guidelines for excluding information from the public register</u>.

## **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 October 2017	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
26 October 2017	Draft determination and decision regarding interim authorisation.
October / November 2017	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
December 2017	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 Luke Griffin on 02 6243 1114 or <a href="mailto:adjudication@accc.gov.au">adjudication@accc.gov.au</a>.

Yours sincerely

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