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Dear Interested Party

By email

Shopping Centre Council of Australia applications for re-authorisation A91591 & A91592 – draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the applications for authorisation lodged by Shopping Centre Council of Australia (SCCA) on 26 July 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 three years.

The ACCC has also decided to grant interim authorisation to enable SCCA to continue to give effect to the Casual Mall Licensing Code of Conduct as it stood on 6 February 2016. The ACCC's decision to grant interim authorisation is intended to provide certainty to all parties that the authorisations previously granted by the ACCC will not expire before the ACCC completes its assessment of SCCA's current applications for re-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 **20 November 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 **14 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 [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
26 July 2017	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
July – September 2017	Public consultation process before the draft determination.
31 October 2017	Draft determination and interim authorisation.
November 2017	Public consultation on draft determination.
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 Theo Kelly on (02) 6243 1179.

Yours sincerely



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