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9 February 2017

Hank Spier
Spier Consulting

By email: *Spierconsulting@netspeed.com.au*

Dear Mr Spier

Australian Hotels Association – application for authorisation A91574 - interested party consultation

I refer to the above mentioned application for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 2 February 2017.

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 posted on the ACCC internet site at www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister. Alternatively, at the end of the consultation period the ACCC can arrange for you to receive a copy of all publicly available submissions received in relation to the application.

Timetable

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

2 February 2017	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
9 February 2017	Public consultation process begins.
20 February 2017	Closing date for submissions on interim authorisation.
March 2017	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
6 March 2017	Closing date for submissions on substantive authorisation.
March/April 2017	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
April/May 2017	Draft determination.
May 2017	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
May/June 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 or adjudication@accc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Darrell Channing
Director
Adjudication Branch