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By email: [vchapman@apca.com.au](mailto:vchapman@apca.com.au)

Dear Ms Chapman

**NPP Australia Limited – applications for authorisation A91560-A91562 – draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by NPP Australia Limited on 18 October 2016.

**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 to the suspension and termination provisions of the NPP Regulations for five years and to the eligibility criteria and settlement obligations in perpetuity.

**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 **23 March 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 **23 March 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 attached 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.

<b>18 October 2016</b>	Lodgement of applications and supporting submission
<b>9 November 2016</b>	Public consultation process begins
<b>25 November 2016</b>	Closing date for submissions
<b>20 January 2017</b>	ACCC information request to Applicant regarding issues raised in the public consultation process
<b>16 February 2017</b>	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process
<b>8 March 2017</b>	Draft determination
<b>March/April 2017</b>	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called
<b>April 2017</b>	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 Saraj Bhullar on (03) 9290 1941.

Yours sincerely



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