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## **By email**

Dear Sir or Madam

### **British American Tobacco & Ors applications for authorisation A91550 – interested party consultation and extension of time**

I refer to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (the ACCC) consideration of the above listed application for authorisation.

In response to issues raised in the ACCC's draft determination of 15 December 2016, and discussed at the pre decision conference held on 13 February 2017, the Applicants provided a further submission on 15 March 2017. This submission provided further information and set out further proposals intended to address the ACCC's concerns with the application. A copy of this submission is attached; it is also available on the ACCC's website.<sup>1</sup>

### **Extension of statutory period**

To enable consideration of, and consultation on, the information and proposals set out in the Applicants' submission of 15 March 2017, the ACCC and the Applicants have agreed to extend the statutory date for the final determination until 29 June 2017. However, we anticipate making a decision well before that date.

### **Invitation to provide a submission**

Should you wish to make further comment in light of the proposals put forward by the Applicants in their submission of 15 March 2017, please do so by **COB Thursday, 6 April 2017**. Submissions can be lodged by email to: [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au).

A copy of this letter will be placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter please do not hesitate to contact Hannah Ransom on (02) 6243 1255.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Jones'.

David Jones  
General Manager  
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<sup>1</sup> <http://registers.accc.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/1198125/fromItemId/278039>