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Dear sir/madam

Homemakers South Limited (Homemakers) application for revocation of authorisation A91284 and substitution of authorisation A91570—draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Homemakers on 12 January 2017.

Please see the ACCC's publication [Authorisation process - the basics](#) for a summary of the authorisation process and how to make a submission to the ACCC.

Homemakers is seeking authorisation to engage in collective bargaining, on behalf of its members, with suppliers in relation to acquiring furniture, bedding and related stock, advertising and marketing services, and ancillary services such as insurance and finance arrangements and transport and distribution services.

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 10 years.

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 April 2017. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "A91570 – Homemakers South Limited – 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 10 April 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
12 January 2017	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
18 January 2017	Public consultation process begins.
27 March 2017	Draft determination.
March/April 2017	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
May 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 Miriam Kolacz on 03 9290 6476 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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