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By email

Dear Mr Donovan

The Real Estate Institute of Western Australia (Inc) (REIWA) application for authorisation A91586 – interim authorisation decision

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim conditional authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by The Real Estate Institute of Western Australia (Inc) (REIWA) on 22 May 2017. A copy of the ACCC's decision is attached.

Interim conditional authorisation is granted to REIWA for arrangements contained in the REIWA Membership Framework, namely its Articles of Association, including its proposed CPD scheme, Members' Codes of Practice, Auction Code of Conduct, website (reiwa.com) terms and conditions, agreements between REIWA and its members that give rise to REIWA's Standard Exclusive Agency Forms and REIWA's proposed voluntary accreditation scheme. The ACCC grants interim authorisation subject to a number of conditions relating to access to standard forms.

Interim authorisation protects the arrangements for which authorisation is sought from legal action under the relevant provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the application.

Next steps

For your information, the next step in the process is for the ACCC to release a draft determination which will take account of any submissions from REIWA and interested parties and will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the application. The ACCC will give both REIWA and interested parties the opportunity to provide a further submission on the draft determination before the ACCC issues its final decision.

The ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

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 Elizabeth Batten on (02) 6243 1359.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DChanning', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Darrell Channing
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