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By email

Dear Sir or Madam

Australian Writers' Guild (AWG) application for revocation of authorisation A91274 and substitution of authorisation A91573—Draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for revocation and substitution of authorisation lodged by AWG on 3 February 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.

AWG is seeking revocation of its existing authorisation (A91274) and the substitution of a new authorisation to enable current and future members of the AWG to collectively negotiate model agreements which can be used by current and future members of AWG when contracting with producers of film, television and digital media.

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 **14 June 2017**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@accc.gov.au with the subject "A91573 – Australian Writers' Guild - 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 **14 June 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 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
3 February 2017	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
7 February 2017	Public consultation process begins.
28 February 2017	ACCC grants interim authorisation.
31 May 2017	Draft determination.
June 2017	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
June/July 2017	Final determination.

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 Simon Bell on (02) 6243 1232 or email adjudication@accc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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