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Dear Sir / Madam

**LPO Group Ltd & Ors authorisation applications A91583 & A91584 —
interim authorisation decision**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by LPO Group & Ors on 11 May 2017.

A copy of the ACCC's interim authorisation decision is attached.

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.

As noted in the interim authorisation decision, authorisation (including interim authorisation) does not impose any obligation for any party to participate in collective bargaining.

The ACCC's decision can be reviewed at any time and should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

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 the Applicants and interested parties and will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the application. The ACCC will give the Applicants and interested parties the opportunity to provide a further submission on the draft determination before the ACCC issues its final decision. The ACCC is currently aiming to release a draft determination in August 2017.

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 Anna Pound on (03) 9290 6920 (or at anna.pound@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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