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Dear Sir / Madam

Australian National Kennel Council Limited application for authorisation AA1000442—interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received an application for authorisation from the Australian National Kennel Council Limited (ANKC). The ACCC invites you to comment on the application. Please see pages 20-28 the ACCC's publication [Guidelines for authorisation of conduct \(non-merger\)](#) for a summary of the authorisation process and how to make a submission to the ACCC.

ANKC is seeking authorisation to amend its National Code of Ethics of Responsible Dog Ownership (Code of Ethics) to mandate that members of ANKC Member Bodies (such as Dogs Victoria) register dogs bred or owned by them with canine registration bodies which are recognised by ANKC. Currently, the Code of Ethics requires members to register dogs bred by them, without specifying the registration body. The canine registration bodies currently recognised by ANKC are the ANKC Member Bodies in each state and territory in Australia and a collection of overseas canine organisations.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's website www.acc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister.

Request for submissions

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed arrangements.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to ANKC's application for authorisation, please do so by **28 June 2019**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject 'AA1000442 – Australian National Kennel Council Limited – submission'.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Eado Varon on (03) 9910 9415 to organise a suitable time.

Submissions, including oral 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 progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information

28 May 2019	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
7 June 2019	Public consultation process begins.
28 June 2019	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
12 July 2019	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
August 2019	Draft determination.
August/September 2019	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
September/October 2019	Final determination.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time, but would like to be informed of the progress of the application at the draft and final determination stages. If you are able to please provide a nominated contact email address for future correspondence.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the application.

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 Eado Varon on (03) 9910 9415 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Gavin Jones
Director
Adjudication

Australian National Kennel Council Limited - AA1000442 – list of interested parties consulted

Aussie Bulldog Club of Australia

Australian Association of Pet Dog Breeders

Australian Canine Registry

Australian Labradoodle Association Inc

Australian Working Border Collie Registry

Dogs ACT

Dogs NSW

Dogs NT

Dogs Queensland

Dogs SA

Dogs Tasmania

Dogs Victoria

Dogs West

German Shepherd Dog Council

Greyhounds Australasia

International Canine Breeders Studbook P/L

Jack Russell Terriers Club of Australia

Master Dog Breeders & Associates

Mini Foxie Club of Australia Inc

National Afghan Council

National Basset Hound Council

National Beagle Council

National Border Collie Council

National Borzoi Council

National Boxer Council

National Bull Terrier Council

National Bullmastiff Council

National Chihuahua Council

National Cocker Spaniel Council

National Collie (Rough & Smooth) Council
National Dalmatian Council
National Dachshund Council
National Doberman Council
National German Shorthaired Pointer Council
National Golden Retriever Council
National Labrador Retriever Council
National Old English Sheepdog Council
National Poodle Council
National Rhodesian Ridgeback Council
National Rottweiler Council
National Samoyed Council
National Shetland Sheepdog Council
National Staffordshire Bull Terrier Council
National Tenterfield Terrier Council
National Weimaraner Council
National Welsh Corgi Council
National Whippet Council
National White Swiss Shepherd Dog Council
Pet Industry Association Australia
RSPCA Australia
Working Kelpie Council of Australia