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Dear Interested Party

Application for authorisation AA1000641 — draft determination and interim authorisation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Fred IT Group Pty Ltd (**Fred IT Group**) on 9 May 2023.

Since making its application for authorisation on 9 May 2023, Fred IT Group's obligations under its contract with the Department have been reduced as a result of the Department settling some matters to do with the transition directly with MediSecure. Fred IT Group now seeks authorisation only in relation to data transition.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for 2 years. The ACCC has also revoked the previous interim authorisation and granted a narrower interim authorisation to reflect the updated Proposed Conduct.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached and also available on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#).

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'.

Making a submission

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **29 September 2023**. Submissions should be lodged via the web form accessible on the [public register](#) for this matter. Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Sophie Magliano via the details at the end of this letter.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made at a pre-decision conference (should one be called - see below), 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](#).

Optional pre-decision conference

In some cases the applicant or an interested party requests that the ACCC convene a pre-decision conference in relation to its draft determination. If a conference is called it will be open to the applicant and interested parties to attend and 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 **29 September 2023** by email to exemptions@acc.gov.au.

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
9 May 2023	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
17 May 2023	Public consultation process begins.
21 June 2023	Interim Authorisation Decision
14 September 2023	Draft determination
September 2023	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
October 2023	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 Sophie Magliano on 03 9658 6429 or exemptions@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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