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Subject: Application for authorisation - Port of Townsville & Far North Queensland Ports Corporation [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Dear Mr Scuderi

I confirm receipt of the application for authorisation lodged by Port of Townsville Limited and Far North Queensland Ports Corporation Limited on 12 July 2023. The ACCC is currently processing the application and we intend to commence public consultation early next week. At that time we will provide you with an indicative timetable for our consideration of the matter.

I note that the Applicants have requested interim authorisation within 28 days of the date of the application. To assist with our assessment of the request for interim authorisation we are seeking the following further information from the Applicants.

As explained at paragraph 10.3 of the ACCC's [Guidelines for Authorisation of Conduct \(non-merger\)](#), factors the ACCC will take into account in determining whether to grant interim authorisation include:

The urgency of the need for interim authorisation. Relevant to this, the ACCC will consider whether an application could have been lodged earlier to avoid the need for an urgent request for interim authorisation.

I note that the Applicants views about the urgency of the need for interim authorisation are addressed in section 3.5 of the application for authorisation.

To assist in our assessment of the application for urgent interim authorisation the ACCC also requests a submission from the Applicants about whether an application could have been lodged earlier to avoid the need for an urgent request for interim authorisation. Please provide a submission addressing this point by **COB Friday 21 July 2023**.

Subject to consideration of any request for confidentiality in respect of any information provided by the Applicants a copy of this email and your response will be placed on the public register for this matter once a response is provided.

If you have any question in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact me by return email or via the details below.

Kind regards

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