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Peter Campbell  
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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Campbell

**National Honda Dealer Council application for authorisation AA1000528 — request for interim authorisation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the National Honda Dealer Council (**NHDC**) on behalf of itself and a group of Honda Australia dealers on 21 August 2020. A copy of the ACCC's decision is attached.

**Next steps**

For your information, the next step in the process is for the ACCC to seek submissions from interested parties in relation to the arrangements. The parties to the arrangements will then be given the opportunity to respond to any issues raised in submissions, prior to the ACCC preparing a draft determination which will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the application taking into account the submissions of the applicants and interested parties. The ACCC will give both the NHDC and interested parties the opportunity to provide a further submission on the draft determination before the ACCC issues its final decision.

As noted in the attached decision, the ACCC may review its decision on interim authorisation at any time. In this regard the ACCC will reconsider this decision at the time of issuing its draft determination. The ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

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 Mandy Bendelstein on (02) 9102 4037.

Yours sincerely

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Director  
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