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Dear Interested Party

Application for revocation of authorisation A91531 – interested party consultation

On 30 September 2022, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) received an application from Australian Bowling Proprietors Australia trading as Independent Bowling Centres Australia (**IBCA**) for revocation of authorisation A91531. This letter is to invite you to comment.

Authorisation A91531 was granted by the ACCC on 9 June 2016. The authorisation concerns an arrangement for Tenpin Bowling Australia (**TBA**), the Australian Bowling Proprietors Australia (**ABPA**), Bowling Centres Australia (**AMF**) and other bowling centres registered with TBA to require league bowlers to be members of TBA in order to participate in competitions at ABPA, AMF and other bowling centres registered with TBA.

In its application of 30 September 2022, the IBCA has requested the ACCC revoke the authorisation on the grounds that significant material changes have occurred in the tenpin bowling landscape since the authorisation was granted, such that IBCA no longer supports the arrangement. A copy of IBCA's application is available on [the public register](#).

Please note that writing to potentially interested parties seeking their views is only the first step in the review process. The ACCC has not yet formed a view as to whether it will revoke, or not revoke, the authorisation.

Making a submission

The ACCC invites you to make a submission regarding the proposed revocation of authorisation A91531.

If you intend to provide a submission, please do so by **4 November 2022**.

Your submission **will** be placed on the ACCC's [authorisations public register on the internet](#) unless you have made a request (with reasons) for us to exclude part or all of the submission from the public register. (see [Guidelines for Excluding Information from the Public Register for more information on how to make a request and how we assess requests](#)).

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
30 September 2022	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
13 October 2022	Public consultation process begins.
4 November 2022	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
November 2022	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
December 2022	Determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you have any query about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Sophie Magliano on 03 9658 6429.

Yours sincerely



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Director
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Interested Party List

Tenpin Bowling Australia

TEEG Australia Pty Ltd trading as Zone Bowling formerly known as AMF Bowling Centres Australia

Australian Sports Commission

United Tenpin Bowling Association