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Dear Sir/Madam

Telco Together Foundation & Ors application for authorisation AA1000555 – interested party consultation

On 26 May 2021, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) received an application for authorisation from Telco Together Foundation (**TTF**). This letter is to invite you to comment on TTF's application. You are welcome to pass this letter on to others who may wish to make submissions.

Application for authorisation

TTF is seeking authorisation¹ under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth). Authorisation would give it and its member's legal protection to cooperate to identify and address modern slavery practices in their operations and supply chains. TTF is seeking authorisation for 5 years.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#).

Making a submission

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the application for authorisation. In making your submission, please provide information, evidence and views about the likely public benefits, effects on competition and any other public detriment that you consider will result from the proposed conduct.

If you intend to provide a submission, please do so by **9 July 2021**. If you wish to request an extension, please contact us on the details below as early as possible. Submissions after the due date (or after any extension granted) may not be taken into account.

Please use the coversheet that accompanied this letter and email your submission to exemptions@acc.gov.au, with the subject 'AA1000555 – Telco Together Foundation – submission'.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Tom Lyle on 03 9290 1879 to organise a suitable time.

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](#)

¹ For information about Authorisations, please see <https://www.acc.gov.au/business/exemptions/authorisation>

[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, and an up to date version (including any changes) will be posted on the public register.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
26 May 2021	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
18 June 2021	Public consultation process begins.
9 July 2021	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
July 2021	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
August 2021	Draft determination.
September 2021	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
September/October 2021	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Tom Lyle on 03 9290 1879 or exemptions@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Interested Party List

Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN)

Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association (AMTA)

Australian Industry Group (Ai Group)

UN Global Compact (Australia)

International Labour Organisation (ILO)

Global Enabling Sustainability Initiative (GeSI)

Australian Border Force, Modern Slavery Business Engagement Unit

Walk Free Foundation

Anti-Slavery Australia