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By email

Dear Interested Party

Vintage Energy & Ors – application for authorisation AA1000632 – draft determination & interim authorisation

The ACCC has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Vintage Energy Ltd on behalf of itself, Metgasco Ltd and Bridgeport (Cooper Basin) Pty Ltd (collectively, the **Odin Gas Producers**) on 22 December 2022.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to authorise the Odin Gas Producers to jointly market natural gas from the PRL 211 and ATP 2021 Odin field (**Odin field**) for five years and to make/give effect to gas supply agreements with customers for the supply of gas from the Odin field that contain common terms and conditions (including price) and a maximum gas supply term of 15 years.

The ACCC also granted interim authorisation to allow the parties to begin jointly marketing and entering into conditional gas supply agreements with customers, and supplying minor quantities of gas from the Odin field on an interruptible basis.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination and interim authorisation 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 **3 March 2023**. Submissions should be lodged via the web form accessible on the [public register](#) for this matter. If you prefer to make an oral submission, please contact Connie Wu 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 **3 March 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
22 December 2022	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
11 January 2023	Public consultation process begins.
16 February 2023	Draft determination and interim authorisation
February/March 2023	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
April 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 Connie Wu on (08) 9325 0637 or by email at exemptions@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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