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Dear Sir/Madam

Telstra Corporation Limited, Telstra Limited and NBN Co Limited application for authorisation AA1000607 – draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Telstra Corporation Limited (**Telstra Corporation**), Telstra Limited and NBN Co Limited (**NBN Co**) (together, the **Applicants**) on 31 March 2022.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation until 30 June 2034.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached and also available on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#).

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicants 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 do so by **11 August 2022**. Submissions should be emailed to exemptions@acc.gov.au, with the subject '*AA1000607– Telstra Corporation Limited, Telstra Limited and NBN Co Limited – submission*'. Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Ellie Dwyer or Gemma Smith via the details at the end of this letter.

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.

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 [authorisations public register](#) subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#) for further information.

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 Applicants 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 **11 August 2022** by email to exemptions@acc.gov.au.

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
31 March 2022	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
6 April 2022	Public consultation process begins.
29 April 2022	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
10 May 2022	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
14 July 2022	Draft determination.
July - August 2022	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
August - September 2022	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 Ellie Dwyer on 03 9290 1874 or Gemma Smith on 03 9290 1405, or via email exemptions@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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