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Dear Interested Party

Australia New Zealand Industrial Gas Association application for revocation of authorisation AA1000516 and substitution AA1000576 – draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for re-authorisation lodged by the Australia New Zealand Industrial Gas Association (**ANZIGA**) on 13 September 2021.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation with conditions until 30 September 2022.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached, and 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 on the ACCC's draft determination, please do so by **2 December 2021**. You should email your submissions to exemptions@acc.gov.au with the subject '*AA1000576 – Australia New Zealand Industrial Gas Association – submission*'. Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Alex Reed 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 **2 December 2021** 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, and an up to date version (including any changes) will be posted on the public register.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
13 September 2021	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
16 September 2021	Public consultation process begins.
22 September 2021	Closing date for submissions on interim authorisation.
29 September 2021	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
7 October 2021	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
17 November 2021	Draft determination.
2 December 2021	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
December 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 Alex Reed on 02 6243 1364.

Yours sincerely



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