



Our ref: AA1000585
Contact officer: Alex Reed
Contact phone: 02 6243 1364

23 Marcus Clarke Street
Canberra ACT 2601

GPO Box 3131
Canberra ACT 2601

tel: (02) 6243 1111
exemptions@acc.gov.au
www.acc.gov.au

5 November 2021

Dear Interested Party

The University of Adelaide & Ors application for authorisation AA1000585 – interim authorisation decision

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by The University of Adelaide, Flinders University and the University of South Australia (the Applicants) on 15 October 2021.

A copy of the ACCC's interim authorisation decision is attached, and available on the ACCC's [Authorisation Public Register](#).

Interim authorisation protects the arrangements for which authorisation is sought from legal action under the relevant provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the application.

Next steps

As you are aware, submissions on the substantive application for authorisation are due by 10 November 2021.

Following the closing date for submissions, the next step in the process is for the ACCC to release a draft determination which will take account of any submissions from the Applicants and interested parties and will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the application.

The ACCC will give both the Applicants and interested parties the opportunity to provide a further submission on the draft determination before the ACCC issues its final decision.

As noted in the attached decision, the ACCC may review its decision on interim authorisation at any time. The ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

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 Alex Reed on 02 6243 1364.

Yours sincerely

Danielle Staltari
Director
Competition Exemptions