

# **Record of oral submission to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)**

## **CPB Contractors Pty Limited exclusive dealing notification N10000537**

**Submission:** MAEZ

**Submission date:** 4 November 2020

### **Oral submission**

#### **Background**

- MAEZ provides auditing services and is included in CPB Contractor's preferred auditor list.

#### **Views on the Notified Conduct**

- MAEZ is pleased to be included on CPB Contractor's panel because it is ethical and demonstrates an intention to avoid breaching the law.
- In MAEZ's view, the Notified Conduct will result in public benefits by supporting the objects of the National Heavy Vehicle Law in minimising risks to the general public and public infrastructure. Public benefits will result from third party involvement in assessing these risks.
- MAEZ submits that the public benefits will outweigh the risk of public detriments because there are multiple parties on the panel (and MAEZ is comfortable with this), and the group are all working towards outcomes that have public benefits.
- MAEZ notes that there has been significant discussion in the sector regarding minimising the risks associated with the National Heavy Vehicle Law.
- MAEZ would recommend CPB Contractors' approach to other clients.
- MAEZ considers that, due to the technically complicated nature of the field, not every business is equally suitable to provide the required level of auditing services. MAEZ therefore understands CPB Contractors' perspective in attempting to limit the businesses that may provide these services to those that are suitable to engage.

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