



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth)

IN THE AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION TRIBUNAL

File No: ACT 1 of 2023
Re: Applications by Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited and Suncorp Group Limited for review of Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Merger Authorisation Determination MA1000023
Applicant: Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited and Suncorp Group Limited

DIRECTIONS

TRIBUNAL: Justice Halley (Deputy President)
DATE: 20 October 2023
WHERE MADE: Sydney

THE TRIBUNAL DIRECTS THAT:

Submissions

1. By Thursday, 9 November 2023, each Applicant file and serve on the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited (BABL):
 - a. a written outline of submissions; and
 - b. a list of authorities on which they intend to rely at the hearing.
2. By Friday, 17 November 2023, BABL file and serve on the Applicants and the ACCC:
 - a. a written outline of submissions; and
 - b. a list of authorities on which it intends to rely at the hearing.
3. By Wednesday, 22 November 2023, the ACCC file and serve on the Applicants and BABL:



- a. a written outline of submissions; and
 - b. a list of authorities on which it intends to rely at the hearing.
4. By Wednesday, 29 November 2023, each Applicant file and serve on the ACCC and BABL:
- a. a written outline of submissions in reply; and
 - b. a list of authorities on which they intend to rely at the hearing.
5. The written outlines of submissions are subject to the following page limits:
- a. the submissions filed in accordance with Direction 1 are to be no more than 60 pages combined;
 - b. the submissions filed in accordance with Directions 2 and 3 are to be no more than 60 pages combined, but the submissions filed by BABL in accordance with order 2 are to be no more than 30 pages;
 - c. the submissions filed in accordance with Direction 4 are to be no more than 20 pages combined.

Bundle of authorities

6. Prior to the hearing, the parties file and serve an electronic joint bundle of authorities and legislation in text-recognised PDF format and which contains electronic bookmarks to each document in the bundle.

Hearing Book

7. The number of days for compliance with Direction 18 of the directions made by O'Bryan J dated 29 August 2023 (**29 August 2023 Directions**) be varied from 30 days to 35 days (Monday, 30 October 2023).
8. The number of days for compliance with Direction 19 of the 29 August 2023 Directions be varied from 25 days to 28 days (Monday, 6 November 2023).
9. The number of days for compliance with Direction 20 of the 29 August 2023 Directions be varied from 21 days to 26 days (Wednesday, 8 November 2023).

Hearing

10. The hearing in this matter is confirmed on an estimate of 9 days commencing on Monday, 4 December 2023 and is to be held in person in Sydney.

Other matters

11. The date for compliance with Direction 16 of the 29 August 2023 Directions be varied from “on or before 30 October 2023” to “on or before 2 November 2023”.
12. The State of Queensland be granted leave to intervene to file a written submission addressing public benefits to the State of Queensland from the proposed merger the subject of the applications for review before the Tribunal.



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Australian Competition Tribunal