COVID-19 (AUSTRALIA): GUIDE TO ACCC APPROVALS ON INDUSTRY COLLABORATION

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Welcome to our guide on industry collaboration approved by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) due to COVID-19. Additional information is provided in our previous article here, or contact us directly with your query.

IN BRIEF

- Industry collaborations are per se illegal under Australian Competition Law. However, businesses can seek to self-assess legal risks under the 'joint venture' exception to cartel conduct or seek to have the conduct approved/"authorised" by the ACCC.
- The ACCC has authorised 27 interim authorisations to date across different sectors.
- This article provides a comprehensive overview of the scope of the collaborative conduct approved and conditions imposed.
- Our Australian Competition and Consumer Law team is ready to assist businesses at short notice to either join an existing ACCC approved authorisation, make a submission about an application, or if you consider that you need to collaborate with competitors due to the difficulties COVID-19 has created, to assist with preparing an application for authorisation.

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