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## FOR BUSINESS



### Merger guidelines 2008

This publication outlines the analytical and evaluative framework applied by the ACCC when reviewing mergers under the Trade Practices Act. It provides guidance on the factors the ACCC considers relevant to its consideration of mergers and includes discussion of the issues relevant to enforceable undertakings. This publication replaces the *Merger guidelines 1999*.

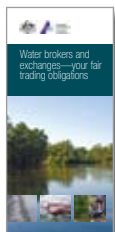
76 pp., 2008, ISBN 978 1 921393 85 3 (electronic only)



### Outreach newsletter, December 2008

This second edition of Outreach—the ACCC's supporter network newsletter—provides stories from the ACCC's regional outreach managers who have made regional visits to assist various groups in the community.

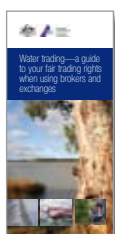
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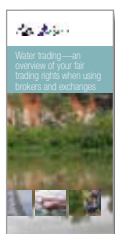
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### **Water trading – A guide to your fair trading rights when using brokers and exchanges**

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### **Water trading – An overview of your fair trading rights when using brokers and exchanges**

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## **ACCC REPORTS**

### **ACCC examination of fertiliser prices**

On 8 February 2008, the Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs requested that the ACCC undertake an analysis of fertiliser prices, particularly the reasons for recent increases in prices.

A report outlining the findings of the ACCC in relation to fertiliser prices was provided to the minister on 31 July 2008.

36 pp., 2008, ISBN 978 1 921393 82 2 (electronic only)

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The ACCC's container stevedoring monitoring program is undertaken under a direction from the Federal Treasurer pursuant to Part VIIA of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*. The ACCC is required to monitor prices, costs and profits of container terminal operator companies at the ports of Adelaide, Brisbane, Burnie, Fremantle, Melbourne and Sydney.

85 pp., 2008, ISBN 978 1 921393 94 5 (electronic only)



### **Monitoring of the Australian petroleum industry – Report of the ACCC into the prices, costs and profits of unleaded petrol in Australia**

The Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Competition and Consumer Affairs, the Hon. Chris Bowen MP directed the ACCC to monitor the prices, costs and profits of unleaded petrol products for a period of three years and report to him by 17 December each year.

179 pp., 2008, ISBN 978 1 921581 02 1 (\$20 for a printed copy)



### **Report of the ACCC inquiry into the competitiveness of retail prices for standard groceries**

On 22 January 2008 the Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs requested the ACCC to hold a public inquiry into the competitiveness of retail prices for standard groceries pursuant to Part VIIA of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*. The ACCC provided its report to the Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs on 31 July 2008.

516 pp, 2008, ISBN 978 1 921393 84 6 (\$25 for a printed copy)



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The 2008 edition of the State of the energy market report provides a comprehensive overview of Australia's electricity and natural gas markets. It supplements the more technical reports the AER publishes and is written for a wide audience including government, industry and the broader community.

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#### ACCC annual report 2007-08

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289 pp., 2008, ISSN 1327 4767 ISBN 978 1 921393 80 8  
\$15 for a printed copy.



#### ACCC corporate plan 2008-09

For the ACCC, the year ahead will see a range of reforms debated and introduced, if parliament agrees, relating to the three key pillars of competition law — provisions relating to anti-competitive agreements (particularly cartels), anti-competitive mergers and the abuse of market power. Other reforms being discussed will affect the entire framework of consumer protection law with the proposal for a single national law and a significant strengthening of that law.

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#### ACCC-AER information policy: The collection, use and disclosure of information

This guideline sets out the general policy of the ACCC and the AER on the collection, use and disclosure of information.

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#### ACCCCount – A report of the ACCC's activities, 1 July to 30 September 2008

ACCCCount details the ACCC's activities in the enforcement of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, merger reviews, compliance initiatives, adjudication issues, economic regulation, international cooperation and interaction with other Australian competition, consumer protection and regulatory agencies.

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#### Water charge rules for charges payable to irrigation infrastructure operators and bulk water operators, position paper – September 2008