



## Notification Waiver Determination

### Accenture – Faculty Science

<b>Acquisition</b>	Accenture International B.V. (Accenture) applied for a notification waiver in respect of its proposed acquisition of the issued share capital in Faculty Science Limited (Faculty Science), as described in the transaction document provided as part of the application (the Acquisition).
<b>Determination</b>	The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has determined under section 51ABV(1)(a) of the <i>Competition and Consumer Act 2010</i> (Cth) that the Acquisition is not required to be notified.
<b>Date of determination</b>	20 January 2026

<b>Parties to the Acquisition</b>	<p>The acquirer, Accenture, is a global professional services company headquartered in Dublin, Ireland. Accenture provides a broad range of services across strategy, consulting, digital, technology, and operations designed to assist public and private sector clients with navigating digital transformation, optimising operations, and building advanced technological capabilities. Relevantly, in Australia, Accenture’s IT services include application implementation tools and managed services, IT infrastructure implementation tools and managed services, and technology consulting services including to Government, utilities and energy customers.</p> <p>The target, Faculty Science, is an artificial intelligence (AI) consultancy and technology services company headquartered in the United Kingdom (UK). Faculty Science’s focus is on supplying: (i) AI strategy and solution development services (including, AI strategy, design, infrastructure, development, operations and change); and (ii) a decision intelligence platform called ‘Frontier’, which analyses data infrastructure and provides insights to enhance decision-making.</p> <p>The parties both supply IT services, including more narrowly application implementation services and technology consulting services, which include some applied AI services. Faculty Science has limited operations and a de minimis presence in Australia.</p>
<b>Explanation for determination</b>	<p>In making this notification waiver determination, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has considered the information provided with the notification waiver application and had regard to the factors in section 51ABV(2)(b) of the <i>Competition and Consumer Act 2010</i> (Cth) (Act), being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) the object of the Act,</li><li>(ii) the interests of consumers,</li></ul>

	<p>(iii) the likelihood that, if the acquisition were put into effect, the notification thresholds in section 51ABP(1) of the Act would apply, and</p> <p>(iv) the likelihood that the acquisition, if put into effect, would in all the circumstances have the effect, or be likely to have the effect, of substantially lessening competition in any market.</p> <p>Based on the information provided in the application, the ACCC considers that the Acquisition is unlikely to give rise to any material lessening of competition. In particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Faculty Science has limited operations and presence in Australia.</li><li>b. There is a small horizontal overlap between Accenture and Faculty Science in the supply of application implementation services and technology consulting services in Australia.</li><li>c. The parties' combined market share in the broader supply of application implementation and technology consulting services in Australia is low with alternative suppliers expected to constrain the merged firm.</li><li>d. There is a low risk of concerning conglomerate effects resulting from bundling or tying of products post-merger.</li></ul> <p>The ACCC has also had regard to the likelihood that, if the Acquisition were put into effect, the notification thresholds determined under section 51ABP(1) of the Act would apply.</p> <p>While the ACCC considers that the notification thresholds are likely to be met, given that material competition concerns are unlikely to arise, the ACCC has determined that the Acquisition is not required to be notified.</p> <p>The ACCC considers that the determination is consistent with the object of the Act and the interests of consumers in promoting competition.</p> <p>For more information about the ACCC's approach to considering notification waiver applications and to assessing competition effects more generally, see the ACCC's <a href="#">interim guidance on notification waivers</a> and <a href="#">merger assessment guidelines</a>.</p>
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**Determination made by a division of the Commission constituted by a direction issued pursuant to section 19 of the Act**