



Notification Waiver Determination

National Dental Care – DDTA Dental clinic in Launceston, TAS

Acquisition	NDC Australia Pty Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NDC HoldCo Pty Ltd, applied for a notification waiver in respect of NDC Australia Pty Limited’s proposed acquisition of 100% of the business assets comprising the DDTA Dental clinic (DDTA Dental), as described in the transaction documents provided as part of the application (the Acquisition).
Determination	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.
Date of determination	10 March 2026

Parties to the Acquisition	<p>NDC HoldCo Pty Ltd (together with its subsidiaries, National Dental Care) is a dental services organisation that operates a network of dental clinics that provide a range of general dentistry services. National Dental Care has dental clinics in all Australian states and territories except Tasmania.</p> <p>DDTA Dental is a single dental clinic located in Launceston, Tasmania, that provides a range of general dentistry services.</p> <p>National Dental Care and DDTA Dental supply general dentistry services.</p>
Explanation for determination	<p>In making this notification waiver determination, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the 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) (the Act).</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">a. there is no horizontal overlap between National Dental Care and DDTA Dental in the supply of dental services in Tasmaniab. the presence of alternative suppliers of dental services in the area. <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 based on the information in the application, given that</p>

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	<p>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 interim guidance on notification waivers and merger assessment guidelines.</p>
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**Determination made by Commissioner Williams pursuant to a delegation under section 25(1)
of the Act**