



Notification Waiver Determination

Star Hotels Group – Yandina Hotel, QLD

Acquisition	Hotel Maroochydore Pty Ltd and SCHF Pty Ltd, subsidiaries of Star Consolidated Holdings Pty Ltd (Star Hotels) applied for a notification waiver in respect of a proposed acquisition of the business and assets of the Yandina Hotel in Yandina, Qld, 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	2 February 2026

Parties to the Acquisition	<p>The acquirer, Star Hotels, is an independently owned and operated pub and liquor retail group, primarily operating over 50 pubs along the eastern seaboard of QLD and four in SA. It operates multiple licensed venues, accommodation, liquor retail outlets under brands such as Star Liquor, Sense of Taste and Bob's Bulk Booze. It currently operates two pubs in the Sunshine Coast area.</p> <p>The target, Yandina Hotel, is a hotel in Yandina, QLD that offers dining, accommodation, gaming and a bottle shop. It is currently owned and operated by the Trustee for Kingston Family Trust (trading as Yandina Hotel), a single-site operator.</p> <p>Star Hotels and the Yandina Hotel overlap in the supply of dining, accommodation, gaming and liquor in the Sunshine Coast area.</p>
Explanation for determination	<p>In making this notification waiver determination, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has considered the information provided by the applicant, including in 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). Based on the information provided by the applicant, the ACCC considers that the Acquisition is unlikely to give rise to any material lessening of competition. In particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">while there is horizontal overlap between Star Hotels and the Yandina Hotel, concentration and the combined share of the parties in the supply of accommodation, dining, functions, gaming and liquor services in the broader Sunshine Coast area is low

	<p>b. the presence of alternative suppliers of accommodation, dining, functions, gaming and liquor in the broader Sunshine Coast and Noosa area.</p> <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 interim guidance on notification waivers and merger assessment guidelines.</p>
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Determination made by Commissioner Philip Williams pursuant to a delegation under section 25(1) of the Act