



Questionnaire: Symal Group - Timms Group and L&D Group

MN-25002

Deadline to respond: 3 February 2026

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**ACCC**) is currently assessing Symal Group Limited's (**Symal Group**), through its wholly owned subsidiaries, proposed acquisition of 100% of the business and assets of:

- the Timms business from Timms Contracting Pty Ltd, Timms Hire Pty Ltd and Teagun Investments Pty Ltd (collectively referred to as **Timms Group**); and
- the L&D business from Churinga (Investments) Pty Ltd as trustee for the Churinga Trust and Adawin Pty Ltd (collectively referred to as **L&D Group**) (the **Acquisition**).

As part of the transaction, Symal Group may also:

- enter into a lease or a licence to take possession of; or
- acquire,

the property located at 36 Frederick Street, Northgate, QLD 4013 which is owned by Clarkson-Jones Investments (Qld) Pty Ltd, K Parsons Investments (Qld) Pty Ltd, Timms Investments (Qld) Pty Ltd and Jones Investments (Qld) Pty Ltd.

Symal Group is an Australian based self-performing contractor providing construction and engineering services, specialising in the roads, rail, defence, justice, ports and energy sectors. The services provided by Symal Group include various forms of construction, project management, plant and equipment hire, material sales and recycling and repurposing.

Timms Group is a Tier 2 contractor that provides plant-intensive civil works and hauling services for infrastructure and construction projects in Queensland. L&D Group is a Tier 1 contractor on infrastructure and construction projects in Queensland, including the provision of demolition, bulk earthworks, site preparation and construction services.

Symal Group does not currently supply the services offered by Timms Group and L&D Group in Queensland.

For further information about the ACCC's assessment of the Acquisition, see the ACCC's [Acquisitions Register](#).

The ACCC is assessing the impact of the Acquisition on competition and is seeking your views. The ACCC invites you to provide submissions or information in response to the questions below by 3 February 2026 via email to mergers@acc.gov.au with the title *Submission re: Symal Group - Timms Group and L&D Group*. The ACCC must complete its assessment within strict statutory timelines which also impacts the time available for consultation.

If you would prefer to speak to a member of the ACCC case team, please email mergers@accc.gov.au with the title *Request for call re: Symal Group – Timms Group and L&D Group*. Someone from the case team will contact you to find a suitable time for a call.

Please note that:

- This request is made in accordance with section 51ABZZD(2)(a) and (c) of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) (the **Act**). This means that while the ACCC may take into account submissions or information received after the due date, it is not required to do so.
- In responding to the questions below or when providing a submission, please highlight and/or mark any confidential information and indicate why the information is confidential (as brief reasons in footnotes in your response or submission, or in a separate document such as the ACCC's [confidentiality claims template](#)). The standard terms on which the ACCC accepts confidential information are outlined at the end of this document.

Questions

1. Outline any concerns regarding the impact of the Acquisition on competition, including if Symal Group and Timms Group and/or L&D Group are close competitors and there are not many alternatives or if one is a major supplier to competitors of the other.

2. Provide any additional information or comments that you consider relevant to the ACCC's assessment of the Acquisition.

3. Provide a brief description of your business or organisation, including any commercial relationships with Symal Group, Timms Group and/or L&D Group.

4. For suppliers in the construction industry:
 - a. describe the goods or services you supply in the construction industry and the geographic areas you operate in; and
 - b. provide, for the 2025 financial year:
 - i. total revenue from operations in the construction industry;
 - ii. revenue from operations in the Queensland construction industry (if applicable); and
 - iii. to the extent possible, provide a breakdown of your revenue in each of the items i. and ii. above by the different categories of

goods or services you supply in the construction industry (for example, civil contracting, construction haulage).

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Confidentiality of responses

During the ACCC's assessment of a notified acquisition, the ACCC may receive information that is properly regarded as being confidential, and which is provided to the ACCC in confidence. The ACCC is committed to treating this information responsibly and in accordance with the law. The ACCC understands the importance of confidentiality to parties involved in a notified acquisition, as well as to third parties that provide information to the ACCC.

The standard terms on which the ACCC accepts confidential information are:

- there is no restriction on the internal use, including future use, that the ACCC may make of the confidential information consistent with the ACCC's statutory functions
- confidential information may be disclosed to the ACCC's external advisors and consultants on condition that each such advisor or consultant will be informed of the obligation to treat the information as confidential, and
- the ACCC may disclose the confidential information to other third parties if compelled by law or in accordance with section 155AAA of the Act. This includes disclosures made in the performance of official duties or functions, which include transparency requirements which are part of the merger control regime.

For further information on confidentiality, see the ACCC's [interim merger process guidelines](#).