

Environmental sustainability at the ACCC

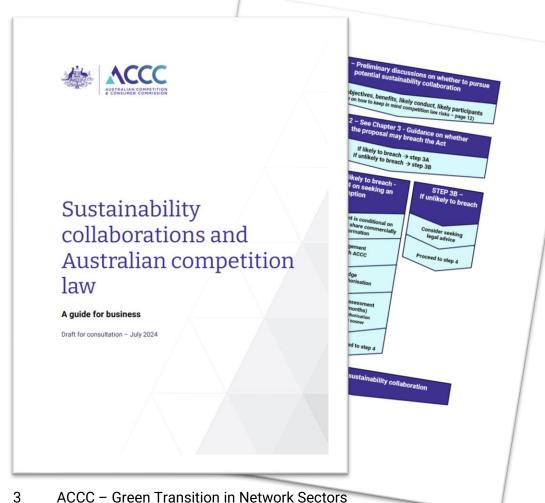
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- 1. Make accurate and truthful claims
- 2. Have evidence to back up your claims
- 3. Don't hide or omit important information
- 4. Explain any conditions or qualifications on your claims
- 5. Avoid broad and unqualified claims
- Use clear and easy-to-understand language
- 7. Visual elements should not give the wrong impression
- 8. Be direct and open about your sustainability transition

Sustainability collaborations & competition law



- Businesses seeking to work together to solve sustainability problems in a way that risks competition law breaches can potentially be exempt from competition law.
 - They must demonstrate a net public benefit outweighing any detriment (usually harm to competition)
- We will soon publish guidance to increase competition law literacy among proponents of sustainability collaboration, and highlight the exemptions potentially available

Challenges for the ACCC looking ahead:

- Mainstreaming sustainability knowledge and skills as environmental considerations become relevant across all our regulatory decision making
- Staying up to speed on fast moving developments affecting a range of markets
- Disseminating important sustainability Restricted Use - À usaginformation across a large, diverse agency