CARe – MotorOne Autobody

MN-90006

Phase 1 Determination

Acquisition may be put into effect

30 March 2026

1. Determination and statement of reasons

Notified acquisition	CARe Autobody Pty Ltd (**CARe**) proposes to acquire 100% of the issued share capital in MotorOne Autobody Pty Ltd (**MotorOne Autobody**) (the **Acquisition**).
Determination	The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has determined under section 51ABZE(1) of the C*ompetition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) that the Acquisition may be put into effect.
Parties to the Acquisition	CARe is an Australian supplier of motor vehicle collision repair services. CARe operates a total of 18 repair sites across Australia with 5 sites in Queensland, 7 sites in Victoria, 3 sites in New South Wales, 2 sites in Tasmania and 1 site in South Australia. MotorOne Autobody is an Australian supplier of motor vehicle collision repair services and a business division of the MotorOne Group, which is an Australian supplier of motor vehicle aftercare products and services. MotorOne Autobody operates a total of 20 repair sites in Australia with 8 sites in Queensland, 11 sites in Victoria and 1 site in New South Wales.
Overlap and relationship between the parties	CARe and MotorOne Autobody overlap in the supply of motor vehicle collision repair services. Both CARe and MotorOne Autobody supply motor vehicle collision repair services to insurers and direct to vehicle owners without an insurance claim.
Reasons for determination	When making a determination in Phase 1, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**ACCC**) undertakes a competition assessment and considers whether it is appropriate for an acquisition to be approved or subject to further assessment in Phase 2 in accordance with section 51ABZJ of the C*ompetition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) (the **Act**). In doing so, the ACCC must have regard to the object of the Act and all relevant matters, including the interests of consumers. For more information about the ACCC's approach to considering notified acquisitions, see the ACCC's merger assessment guidelines and interim merger process guidelines. In conducting its competition assessment, the ACCC has considered the information and documents that were submitted with the notification form, publicly available information, and feedback from market participants. The ACCC has determined that the Acquisition may be put into effect as it considers that the Acquisition is unlikely to have the effect of substantially lessening competition in any market. In reaching its decision, and based on the material before it, the ACCC makes the following findings. • Aggregation in the supply of motor vehicle collision repair services resulting from the Acquisition appears low at national, state and local levels. • The merged entity would likely continue to be constrained by alternative suppliers of motor vehicle collision repair services in each area where their businesses overlap in Queensland,

	Victoria and New South Wales post-acquisition.
Applications for review	A notifying party, or other person who has been allowed to do so by the Australian Competition Tribunal, may apply for review if they are dissatisfied with the determination. Pursuant to section 100C of the Act, applications for review of the determination are to be made to the Australian Competition Tribunal before the end of 14 calendar days after this statement of reasons was included on the ACCC's Acquisitions Register. To confirm whether there has been any application for review, please contact the Australian Competition Tribunal.

Determination made by Commissioner Philip Williams pursuant to a delegation under section 25(1) of the Act