



Submission to the ACCC Draft Advice

26th February 2016

I would like to forward the following submission in reply to the ACCC Draft Advice.

Section 8.2.2

Water recovery is occurring in the GMID from the G-MW Connections Project. We are a large excavation business and have concerns about the Connections Project and the platform used to tender for works by GMW.

Our concerns are that regionalised businesses are being penalised due to obscure and unfair tendering procedures. GMW are calling for tender submissions for works associated with the connections project however this year sees the submissions as complete packages which would include works that local contractors would need to sub-contract out as it is a specialised work (plastic lining), where as in previous years the packages could be split into smaller jobs that local contractors could easily complete without using out of local area subcontractors. GMW have indicated that even if you go to the trouble of completing a tender submission the work may not go ahead, for a small contractor to put together a tender submission it can sometimes take up to 2 weeks, which is a massive loss of time for that small business.

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