

10 September 2018



CITY OF
Port Adelaide Enfield

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Australian Competition & Consumer Commission
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Dear Commissioner

Council Solutions Application for Authorisation AA1000414 – Pre-Decision Conference

Thank you for the opportunity for participating Council's to make a submission to the ACCC at the Pre-Decision Conference on Monday 27 August 2018 and subsequently via this letter.

In accordance with the notification we received from the ACCC on 23 August 2018, I provide you with the City of Port Adelaide Enfield's submission for your consideration in the final determination to be made by the 22 October 2018.

As one of the participating Council's striving for the best possible outcomes for our community, we strongly agree with the ACCC Draft Determination that there will be net public benefit resulting from this collaborative procurement.

Benefits of the proposed conduct

Participation in this collaborative procurement process is an endorsed position of the City of Port Adelaide Enfield. This project aligns with our responsibilities under the Local Government Act, our City Plan 2030 and our Waste Management Strategy 2018 – 2024 by:

- sharing the costs of the project such as procurement and waste industry specialists, legal, probity and financial advisors;
- expected savings in the cost of the delivery of the service by the aggregation of spend;
- removing duplication of effort across Councils and tender activity in the market by having one tender with a consistent specification, which also reduces the cost and time required by potential tenderers by responding to one tender not four;
- improved efficiency through shared contract and performance management;
- improved data to assist in the delivery of Council's Strategic Plan;
- improved efficiency in the provision of the services by the optimisation of the collection routes;

- improved environmental outcomes via consistent education programs aimed at waste contamination minimisation and waste avoidance; and
- freeing up internal procurement staff to focus on other aspects of Council's procurement requirements.

Innovation

As well as optimising our waste management services, the City of Port Adelaide Enfield has a strong interest in the substantial employment, industry and environmental impacts of the waste industry in our region.

The proposed conduct has been developed to positively stimulate competition and innovation. The participating Councils are looking at the industry experts to consider and respond to this tender in a way that provides the opportunity to work together to deliver efficiencies across the Council boundaries and reduce the diversion rates to landfill. Having a contract of this size and geographical span provides an ideal opportunity for the industry to think creatively and put forward innovative proposals.

If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter, please contact Leeanne McEwan, Manager Community & Environmental Health, on telephone 08 8405 6722.

Yours faithfully



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