Waste & Recycling Association of South Australia Inc.

12 September 2018

Submission by WRASA regarding the correlational between council tenement numbers and waste costs

Dear Ms Cramond,

Re: Council Solutions Application AA1000414

In reference to the ACCC Draft Determination, paragraphs 94 and 95,

WRASA wishes to provide updated public data to quantify that collaborative groups do not achieve lower waste costs.

Using the most recent SA Grants Commission data available (2016/17), the charts below summarise the actual correlation between Council size (measured in number of tenements) versus the cost of waste services per tenement.

Diagram 1: Summary of waste costs by

Diagram 2: Summary of waste costs -

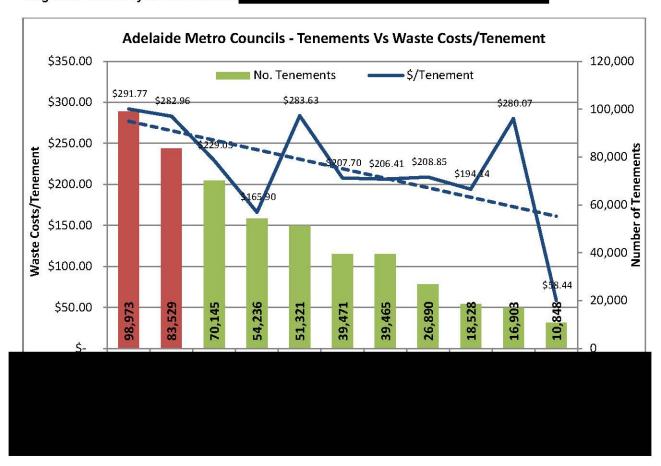


Diagram 2 above, granulates the summary data provided in Diagram 1 into the councils that have independent contracts (highlighted in green).

The trend line proves this is not the case, showing that lower costs are achieved in Councils that are independent.

Summary:

It is clear from SA Grants Commission evidence provided above that the claimed public benefits will not be realised. In fact the opposite is true, that a public detriment is likely to result in the form of higher waste costs for residents of collaborative council groups.

Yours sincerely

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