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**By email:** [bruce.wright@councilsolutions.sa.gov.au](mailto:bruce.wright@councilsolutions.sa.gov.au)

Dear Mr Wright,

### **Council Solutions' application for authorisation AA1000414 – draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Council Solutions on 14 March 2018.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation until 30 June 2031. The ACCC has also granted interim authorisation to allow the councils to commence the tender process, but not enter into any waste collection contracts. A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached.

#### **Next steps**

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicants or any interested party may make a written submission and/or request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'.

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **3 August 2018**. Submissions should be emailed to [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au) with the subject "AA1000414 – Council Solutions – submission".

A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination. Conferences are conducted informally and while legal or professional advisers are able to attend they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination you must notify the ACCC in writing by **3 August 2018**.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a pre-decision conference be called, and will then release a final determination in relation to this application.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the publication [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#).

## Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information:

<b>14 March 2018</b>	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
<b>27 March 2018</b>	Public consultation process begins.
<b>18 April 2018</b>	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
<b>May/June 2018</b>	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
<b>20 July 2018</b>	Draft determination.
<b>July/August 2018</b>	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
<b>September 2018</b>	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Tessa Cramond on 03 9658 6516 or [adjudication@accc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@accc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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