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Dear Mr Wright,

Council Solutions' applications for authorisation AA1000419 & AA1000420 – draft determinations

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued draft determinations in respect of the applications for authorisation lodged by Council Solutions on 4 May 2018 (processing and ancillary services).

For the reasons set out in its draft determinations, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation, to both applications, until 30 June 2031. The ACCC has also granted interim authorisation to allow the councils to commence the tender processes, but not enter into any waste collection contracts. Copies of the ACCC's draft determinations are 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 one or both of the ACCC's draft determinations, please lodge your submissions by **5 October 2018**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "AA1000419 (or AA1000420) – Council Solutions – submission".

A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to a 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 one or both draft determinations you must notify the ACCC in writing by **28 September 2018**, including specifying which draft determination you wish to call a pre-decision conference about.

If a pre-decision conference is called in relation to either application, the ACCC proposes to hold the pre-decision conference/s in Adelaide on **22 October 2018**. We will confirm details about the date, time and venue of the conference/s if pre-decision conferences are called.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should pre-decision conference/s be called, and will then release final determinations in relation to both of these applications.

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 applications in a timely manner. An indicative timetable, which applies to both applications, is set out below for your information:

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
4 May 2018	Lodgement of applications and supporting submission.
17 May 2018	Public consultation process begins.
6 June 2018	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
August 2018	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
14 September 2018	Draft determinations.
28 September 2018	Closing date to call a pre-decision conference.
5 October 2018	Closing date for submissions about the draft determinations.
Late October 2018	Final determination if a pre-decision conference is not called.
November 2018	Final determination if a pre-decision conference is called.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of these matters, please do not hesitate to contact Tessa Cramond on 03 9658 6516 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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