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AA1000428

Dear Mr Baldwin

Our ref:

## Campbelltown City Council & Ors – application for authorisation AA1000428 – draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Campbelltown City Council, Camden Council, Liverpool City Council, Wingecarribee Shire Council and Wollondilly Shire Council (**the Applicants**) on 7 August 2018.

## **Draft determination**

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation to the Applicants to collectively tender and contract for the provision of waste processing services until 1 July 2044.

The ACCC also proposes to grant authorisation to allow the Applicants (minus Liverpool City Council) to continue to give effect to the existing processing contracts entered into following authorisation A90886 (granted by the ACCC in 2004) until 31 May 2024.

## Next steps

The Applicants or any interested party may make a written submission in response to the draft determination 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 9 November 2018.

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 **9 November 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 these applications.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication <u>Guidelines for excluding information from the public register</u>.

## **Timetable**

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

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
7 August 2018	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
13 August 2018	Public consultation process begins.
12 September 2018	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
24 October 2018	Draft determination.
November 2018	Public consultation on draft determination including possible pre-decision conference (if called).
November/December 2018	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter please contact Ellie Dwyer on 03 9290 1874 (at <a href="mailto:ellie.dwyer@accc.gov.au">ellie.dwyer@accc.gov.au</a>) or Jaime Martin on 03 9290 1477 (at <a href="mailto:jaime.martin@accc.gov.au">jaime.martin@accc.gov.au</a>).

Yours sincerely

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