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By email

Dear Sir/Madam

Central Highlands Regional Council & Isaac Regional Council – application for authorisation AA1000430 – final determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Central Highlands Regional Council and Isaac Regional Council (the **Applicants**) on 28 September 2018.

As you may recall, the Applicants sought authorisation to jointly tender, and enter into a contract or contracts, for the acquisition of waste collection services. The Applicants also sought authorisation to continue to give effect to their existing waste collection contract.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons.

For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation to allow the Applicants to jointly tender, and enter into a contract or contracts, for the acquisition of waste collection services until 4 October 2029 (inclusive of any options to extend any contract entered into as a result of that process by either Applicant). The ACCC has also decided to grant authorisation to allow the Applicants to continue to give effect to their existing waste collection contract, entered into following the previous authorisation A91087 granted by the ACCC in 2008, until 4 October 2019.

Application for review

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal (the **Tribunal**) for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 21 February 2019. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 22 February 2019.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Tribunal. The Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Tribunal please refer to the Tribunal's website located at <http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/>.

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 Sophie Mitchell on 03 9290 1822.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Black". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

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