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Dear Ms Sloan

**Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils Application for authorisation AA1000431—draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) on 16 November 2018.

**Draft determination**

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination and summary of its reasons is attached.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for 14 years.

The ACCC has also granted interim authorisation to allow SSROC to proceed with the tender process while the ACCC considers the substantive application. Interim authorisation will remain in place until the date the ACCC's final determination comes into effect or until interim authorisation is revoked.

**Next steps**

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicant 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 **31 January 2019**.

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 **10 January 2019**.

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 [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#).

## 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.

<b>Indicative date</b>	<b>Stage in assessment process</b>
<b>16 November 2018</b>	Lodgement of application
<b>21 November 2018</b>	Public consultation process begins.
<b>7 December 2018</b>	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
<b>19 December 2018</b>	Draft determination.
<b>January 2019</b>	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
<b>February 2019</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 Hannah Ransom on (02) 6243 1255.

Yours sincerely



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