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Dear Mr Newton

Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group and Ors application for authorisation AA1000453 — draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the above mentioned application for authorisation lodged on 1 October 2019.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for 16 years.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached and also available on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#).

Next steps

As you would be aware, 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 **Tuesday, 28 January 2020**.

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 **28 January 2020**.

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

Timetable

The ACCC will continue to progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. However, the ACCC has provided a longer than usual timeframe for its consultation process in relation to the draft determination due to the availability of all parties during the Christmas and summer leave period. An updated indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
1 October 2019	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
10 October 2019	Public consultation process begins.
5 December 2019	Draft determination
January / February 2020	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
February / March 2020	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 Jaime Martin on (03) 9290 1477 (or at jaime.martin@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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