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By email

Dear Madam or Sir

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 application for authorisation lodged by Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group and eight participating local councils in the Goulburn Valley region and surrounding areas (together, the **Applicants**).

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 enclosed and also available on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#).

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'.

Making a submission

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **Tuesday, 28 January 2020**.

Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "AA1000453 – Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group – submission". If you prefer to make an oral submission, please contact Jaime Martin via the details at the end of this letter.

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

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](#).

Optional pre-decision conference

In some cases the applicant or an interested party requests that the ACCC convene a pre-decision conference in relation to its draft determination. If a conference is called it will be open to the applicant and interested parties to attend and 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 **Tuesday, 28 January 2020** by email to adjudication@accc.gov.au.

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@accc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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