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Dear Madam or Sir

## **Municipal Association of Victoria – application for authorisation AA1000459 — draft determination & interim authorisation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Municipal Association of Victoria (**MAV**) on 21 November 2019.

Authorisation is sought for a group of 48 Victoria Councils to pool their electricity demand and place a single tender calling for proposals for the supply of retail electricity services and renewable energy certificates (i.e. Large Scale Generation Certificates) from an electricity retailer.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for 11 years.

The ACCC has also granted interim authorisation to allow the Applicants to commence the proposed tender process prior to the ACCC making its final determination, but not enter into any supply agreements.

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

### **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'.

### **Making a submission**

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by 22 January 2020. Submissions should be emailed to [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au) with the subject "AA1000459 - Municipal Association of Victoria – submission". If you prefer to make an oral submission, please contact Tanya Hobbs 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 22 January 2020 by email to [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au).

## 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
21 November 2019	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
26 November 2019	Public consultation process begins.
18 December 2019	Draft determination and interim authorisation Decision
December/January 2019	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
January/February	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 Tanya Hobbs on 02 6243 1029.

Yours sincerely



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