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Dear Interested Party

Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) application for authorisation AA1000651— final determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (**SSROC**) on behalf of itself and its 12 members (together, the **Councils**) on 24 October 2023.

SSROC sought authorisation for itself and the Councils to collectively invite tenders for the processing of commingled recycling from yellow-lidded kerbside bins and disposal of residuals; and to enter into and give effect to contracts with each preferred supplier through a Standing Offer Deed and Contract for Services.

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 until 23 February 2035. The ACCC's assessment is set out in Chapter 3 of its determination.

Application for review

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth), a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition 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 22 February 2024. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 23 February 2024.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition 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 Australian Competition 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 Ben Janover on (03) 9290 1813.

Yours sincerely

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