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Dear Mr Newton

Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group application for authorisation AA1000503— request for further information

I refer to the above mentioned application for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 21 April 2020.

We are seeking further information from you in order to progress our assessment of the application for authorisation. Please see the request for information outlined at **Attachment A** to this letter.

We request that the Applicants provide the information by **24 July 2020**.

A copy of this letter and your response (subject to any request for exclusion) will be 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 or Andrew Mahony 03 9290 1983.

Yours sincerely

Darrell Channing

Director
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Attachment A - Request for further information

1. Further details regarding the current arrangements between each of Melbourne City, Port Phillip City, Whittlesea City and Yarra City Councils and their current organic waste processing provider/s. This should include:
 - an estimate of the costs and council employee time involved in administering the organic waste processing contract
 - the identity of the supplier and any sub-contractors involved in the waste processing (for example if the organics contract is part of a wider waste contract but the head waste management company has subcontracted the reception and composting aspect to an unrelated business)
 - the facility/s at which the council's organics waste is processed.
2. Further details regarding the proposed arrangements between each of Melbourne City, Port Phillip City, Whittlesea City and Yarra City Councils and the organic waste processing provider/s under the South Eastern Organics Group joint tender and the Metropolitan Waste and Recovery Group as the contract administrator. This should include:
 - the length of time that the councils propose to enter contracts (including any options periods)
 - details of the costs and/or council employee time that the Applicants estimate will be saved by using MWRRG's contract administration services
 - an estimate of the costs and/or council employee time that will still be involved in tasks related to the organics waste contract (for example, time spent on the MWRRG and councils joint administration panel).
3. For each of the North Western Organics Group, Eastern Organics Group and the Melbourne metropolitan councils outside both these two groups and the South Eastern Organics Group, please provide:
 - the amount of organic waste processed in 2019
 - MWRRG's projections of organic waste expected to be processed over the five years from 2020 (inclusive)
 - the identity of the supplier and any sub-contractors involved in the waste processing
 - the facility/s at which the organics waste is processed, the approximate amounts currently being processed, the date the facility was built, the date and type of upgrades made to the facility, and the expected lifetime remaining of the facility.
4. The volume of organic waste processed in Melbourne outside of council waste contracts (ie privately supplied waste).