



Our ref: AA1000581
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By email

Dear Sir/Madam

Metropolitan Waste & Resource Recovery Group application for re-authorisation AA1000581 — draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for re-authorisation lodged by Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (**MWRRG**), on behalf of itself and 27 metropolitan Melbourne councils, 8 regional Victorian councils, and 3 regional waste and resource recovery groups, on 8 October 2021.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for 7 years and 8 months.

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

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, MWRRG 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 **21 January 2022**. Submissions should be emailed to exemptions@acc.gov.au with the subject "AA1000581 Metropolitan Waste & Resource Recovery Group – submission". If you prefer to make an oral submission, please contact Michael Pappa 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 [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 **21 January 2022** by email to exemptions@acc.gov.au.

Timetable

An indicative timetable for the ACCC's assessment is set out below.

| Indicative date | Stage in assessment process |
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| 8 October 2021 | Lodgement of application |
| 14 October 2021 | Consultation on the application commences |
| 21 October 2021 | Closing date for submissions on interim authorisation |
| 4 November 2021 | Closing date for submissions on substantive application |
| 10 November 2021 | ACCC decision on interim authorisation |
| 16 December 2021 | ACCC draft determination |
| December/January 2022 | Public consultation on the draft determination |
| February 2022 | ACCC 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 Michael Pappa on (03) 9658 6531 or via email michael.pappa@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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