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By email

Dear Interested Party

City of Hobart & Ors - application for authorisation AA1000604 — 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 City of Hobart & Ors on 17 February 2022. The City of Hobart Council, Glenorchy City Council and Kingborough City Council applied for authorisation to collectively tender and contract for food organics and garden organics (Organics) processing services.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for 4 years and 6 months.

The ACCC also granted interim authorisation to enable the councils to conduct the tender process. Interim authorisation was not sought, and has not been granted, for the councils to enter into any contracts arising from the tender process.

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, 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 **15 April 2022**. Submissions should be emailed to exemptions@acc.gov.au with the subject "AA1000604 – City of Hobart & Ors – 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 **15 April 2022** by email to exemptions@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
17 February 2022	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
28 February 2022	Public consultation process begins.
31 March 2022	Draft determination and interim authorisation decision
15 April 2022	Public consultation on draft determination including any request for a pre-decision conference.
May 2022	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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Competition Exemptions