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Dear Interested Party

**Barwon Water Regional Recyclables Organics Network application for authorisation
AA1000583 —final determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Borough of Queenscliff, City of Greater Geelong, Colac Otway Shire, Golden Plains Shire, Surf Coast Shire, Wyndham City Council (the **Six Councils**) and Barwon Region Water Corporation (the **Applicants**) on 13 October 2021.

The Applicants are seeking authorisation for the Six Councils to engage in collective bargaining with Barwon Water to negotiate the terms of waste supply agreements covering the provision of organic waste material and the supply of waste processing services through a Regional Renewable Organics Network.

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 for 20 years until 10 February 2032. The ACCC's assessment is set out in Chapter 5 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 3 March 2022. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 4 March 2022.

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 Tanya Hobbs on 02 6243 1029.

Yours sincerely

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