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Subject: Gladstone Regional Council application for authorisation AA1000524 - Final determination

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Attachments: Final Determination - 21.10.20 - PR - AA1000524 GRC(11633469.1).pdf

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To whom it may concern,

RE: Gladstone Regional Council application for authorisation AA1000524 - Final determination

The ACCC has issued its final determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Gladstone Regional Council on 22 July 2020.

GRC sought authorisation on behalf of itself, and the local governments of Rockhampton Regional Council, Livingstone Shire Council and Central Highlands Regional Council to enable them to jointly procure recyclables processing services.

Final Determination

A copy of the ACCC's final determination and summary of its reasons is attached. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation until 31 December 2023.

A copy of the determination is also available on the ACCC's public register.

Application for review

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, 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 after the date of this determination; that is, on or before 11 November 2020. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into effect on 12 November 2020.

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.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter please contact Simon Bell on 02 6243 1232 or by email exemptions@accc.gov.au .

Thank you and regards,

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