

Our ref: AA1000550

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By email

Dear Sir/Madam

Toowoomba Regional Council and Western Downs Regional Council application for Authorisation AA1000550 — final determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a final determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Toowoomba Regional Council and Western Downs Regional Council (the **Applicants**) on 2 April 2021.

The Applicants sought authorisation to jointly prepare and advertise a request for tender for waste and recyclables collection services, bulk haulage services and processing services.

For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation for 3 years, until 15 October 2024.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is **attached** and also available on the ACCC's authorisations public register.

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 14 October 2021. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 15 October 2021.

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 Michael Pappa on (03) 9658 6531 or via email michael.pappa@accc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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