



Our ref: AA1000581
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By email

Dear Sir/Madam

Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group & Ors (recycling sorting) - Application for revocation of authorisation AA1000451 and substitution for authorisation AA1000581 — interim authorisation decision

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has decided to grant interim authorisation 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.

A copy of the ACCC's interim authorisation decision is attached, and available on the ACCC's [Authorisation Public Register](#).

Interim authorisation protects the arrangements for which authorisation is sought from legal action under the relevant provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the substantive application for authorisation.

Next steps

As you are aware, submissions on the substantive application for authorisation were due by 4 November 2021.

Following the closing date for submissions, the next step in the process is for the ACCC to release a draft determination which will take account of any submissions from the Applicant and interested parties and will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the substantive application.

The ACCC will give both the Applicant and interested parties the opportunity to provide a further submission on the draft determination before the ACCC issues its final determination.

As noted in the attached decision, the ACCC may review its decision on interim authorisation at any time. The ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

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 exemptions@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "DChanning". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Darrell Channing
Director
Competition Exemptions Branch