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Dear Interested Party

**Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council & Ors – application for authorisation
AA1000587 – Pre-decision conference**

The Waste and Recycling Industry Association of WA has requested, on behalf of its members (which include Suez, JJ Richards, Veolia, Cleanaway and Solo, amongst others), that the ACCC convene a conference in relation to the draft determination issued by the ACCC on 10 February 2022.

The draft determination proposes to grant authorisation to the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (**EMRC**), the City of Bayswater, the Town of Bassendean and the Shire of Mundaring (the **applicants**) to establish a Regional Waste Collection Service operated by EMRC, where each of the 3 councils would jointly negotiate and enter into service agreements with the EMRC for the provision of collection and ancillary waste services. A copy of the application and draft determination can be found on the ACCC's [website](#).

A pre-decision conference provides an opportunity for the applicants and interested parties to make oral submissions to the ACCC about its draft determination.

Attending the conference

Due to the uncertainty of the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ACCC will convene the conference virtually on **Friday, 25 March 2022**. Attendees will be provided with a link to attend by video. The conference will commence at **9:00am AWST** (12:00pm AEST). ACCC Deputy Chair Mick Keogh will chair the conference.

Under s 90A of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) (the **Act**), the applicants, and interested persons who either received a notice from the ACCC following the issuing of the draft determination or whose presence the ACCC otherwise considers appropriate, may attend and participate in the conference. If you wish to attend, please express your interest by emailing exemptions@accc.gov.au by **5:00pm (AWST) on Monday, 14 March 2022**. You should provide details of a contact name, telephone number, and e-mail address so that you can be notified of the conference arrangements when these become available.

If you did not receive a notice from the ACCC following the issuing of the draft determination and would like to attend, you should also briefly indicate why you, your company or your organisation has an interest in the matter. If you represent a company or organisation, please provide a list of attendees and their position titles, and indicate who will be the chief spokesperson.

Please also note that, while conference participants may bring outside legal or other professional advisers to assist them, under the Act these advisers are not entitled to participate in conference discussions.

Attached for your information are procedures usually followed at pre-decision conferences.

A copy of this letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you require any further information in regard to the conference, please contact Andrew Ng on (03) 9290 1414 or Miriam Kolacz on (03) 9658 6476.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "SBlack." The signature is stylized, with the first letter 'S' being large and looped, and the rest of the name written in a cursive-like script.

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