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Sent: Tuesday, 5 July 2022 11:11 AM
To: Ransom, Hannah
Cc: Channing, Darrell; Eddie Scuderi
Subject: RE: Application for revocation and substitution - GVWRRG, NEWRRG and Participating Councils [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Hannah

Both Wodonga City Council and Indigo Shire Council are partner councils within the North East WRRG region.

We are instructed that they both participated in a previous procurement collaboration with Albury City Council (which included two other NSW based councils) and those councils currently hold contracts for domestic waste and recycling collection/processing/disposal services as a result of that procurement.

We are also instructed that both Wodonga City Council and Indigo Shire Council have elected to participate in the procurement of domestic waste and recycling services with Albury City Council and other NSW councils (the subject of the particular application for authorisation referred to in your email below). Wodonga City Council and Indigo Shire Council therefore will not be participating in the collaborative procurement of kerbside waste and recycling services under our application for authorisation (those services are currently out to the market after receiving ACCC interim authorisation).

The reason for including both Wodonga City Council and Indigo Shire Council as applicants within our clients' application was to allow them to have the ability to participate in future collaborative procurement opportunities for other services, including Resource Recovery Centre specific waste and recycling materials (noting that services pertaining to these specific materials are not included within the Albury application).

Accordingly, we do not consider that Wodonga City Council and Indigo Shire Council being applicants under the two separate applications will harm competition for the procurement of specific kerbside/domestic waste and recycling services.

We trust this is helpful however please let me know if you require any further information.

Kind regards, James

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Dear Eddie and James

In preparing the draft determination for this matter, we became aware that two of the councils involved – namely Wodonga City Council and Indigo Shire Council – are also involved in application for re-authorisation AA1000596 lodged by Albury City Council, which is also currently being assessed by the ACCC.

For completeness, and to assist with our assessment, can you please:

1. Clarify whether Wodonga City Council and Indigo Shire Council intend to participate in one or both procurement processes that are the subject of the applications for re-authorisation
2. Provide any views on whether the participation of Wodonga City Council and Indigo Shire Council in both applications for re-authorisation has any implications for the public benefits or detriments that are likely to result from the proposed conduct.

We have also contacted legal representatives for the applicants in AA1000596, in relation to the same queries.

We would appreciate hearing from you by 14 July (i.e. during the period of consultation on the draft determination) if possible.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards
Hannah

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