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The General Manager
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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
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14 November 2003

Dear Sir/Madam,

AUTHORISATION APPLICATION LODGED BY THE COUNCIL OF CAMDEN, CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL, LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL, WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL, WINGECARRIBEE SHIRE COUNCIL (A90886)

In response to your letter dated 21 October 2003, I advise Wollondilly Shire Council is a party to the application and fully supports the subject application submitted on behalf of the Councils.

Waste Services NSW has had a monopoly for many years, Council has had no alternative processing or disposal facility available to it and been forced to use the Waste Services NSW operations at Jacks Gully. The regional tender will allow Council and its community to examine alternative services that may be provided and operated on a competitive basis by Waste Services and other contractors. The aim is to provide our community with a more competitive, economic and environmentally sustainable waste management option.

The regional tender will also allow contractors who have previously been excluded to participate in a competitive tendering process. The tender will be in the public interest because of the benefits proposed in the application and will be transparent so allowing all possible interests to be expressed and considered. No community or industry interests would be disadvantaged in this process.

The application will give Wollondilly Shire Council (in partnership with the other regional Councils) an opportunity to provide a more efficient processing arrangement, it is also anticipated that this cooperative arrangement will give Council (and its Community) an economic advantage which will lessen the future financial impact, of increased fees and charges, on the Community.

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Please contact me if you require further information.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ken Sullivan', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ken Sullivan
Director
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