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Mr Gavin Jones A/g Director – Adjudication Branch Australian Competition & Consumer Commission PO Box 1199 Dickson ACT 2602

Dear Mr Jones

I am responding to your letter of the 16 June 2004, regarding the Application for Authorisation (A30231) lodged by Hornsby Shire Council, Hunters Hill Municipal Council, Lane Cove Council, North Sydney Council, the City of Ryde, Willoughby City Council, Mossman Municipal Councils and Warringah Council (the Northern Sydney Region of Councils).

Waste Service NSW requests that the ACCC holds a pre-determination conference in relation to the draft determination, and would like to attend such a conference..

Yours sincerely

Ken Kanotski

Chief Executive Officer