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Dear Mr Reed

*Trade Practices Act 1974*

**Application for authorisation lodged by Hornsby Shire Council, Hunters Hill Municipal Council, Lane Cove Council, North Sydney Council, the City of Ryde, Willoughby City Council, Mosman Municipal Council and Warringah Council (A30231)**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a final determination in respect of the above application for authorisation which was lodged by Hornsby Shire Council, Hunters Hill Municipal Council, Lane Cove Council, North Sydney Council, the City of Ryde, Willoughby City Council, Mosman Municipal Council and Warringah Council (the Councils).

The ACCC has made a determination granting authorisation to the Councils. Essentially authorisation is granted for the Councils to advertise for and subsequently jointly tender for the services of qualified contractors to provide residual waste transfer, processing and disposal services to their respective Local Government Areas. A copy of the determination is enclosed for your information.

The ACCC has decided to grant authorisation for the following periods:

- for the period of the collective tender process up to a maximum of 12 months from 3 March 2004; and
- for the term of the contacts entered into under the tender process up to a maximum of 15 years.

This determination is made on 16 December 2004. If no application for review of the determination is lodged with the Australian Competition Tribunal within the statutory period, namely by close of business 6 January 2005, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 7 January 2005.

A copy of this letter together with the determination will be placed on the ACCC's Public Register. Your interest and input into this matter has been appreciated.



Please do not hesitate to contact Tania Mayrhofer on (02) 6243 1070 if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne Palisi".

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