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Dear Mr Holm

**The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) - Application for Authorisation  
[A30244-A30245] - request for further information**

I refer to the above mentioned applications for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 29 September 2006.

The ACCC is in the process of finalising its draft determination in respect of the application. To assist the ACCC in its consideration of the applications we would appreciate the provision of the following information:

- an estimate of the transaction cost savings referred to in the MAV applications for both individual councils and overall;
- a guide to how councils determine the number of shelters they acquire annually;
- an estimate of the average number of shelters acquired annually by councils;
- the number of bus shelters covered by the agreement that will be advertising/non-advertising;

if an MoU between the Director and the Councils has been entered into, and is significantly different from the draft received on 17 October 2006, a copy of the signed MoU; and

if the request for tender documents have been finalised, a copy of the request for tenders.

I understand that the MAV may not be in a position to provide all of the requested information. However, any information the MAV is able to provide would assist the ACCC in its consideration of the applications. I also understand that some of the information requested may be commercially sensitive in nature. The MAV may



request confidentiality for any such information. In the event that a request for confidentiality was not granted the MAV would be afforded the opportunity to withdraw the documents the subject of the confidentiality request.

In order to expedite the ACCC's consideration of the applications I would appreciate it if the requested information could be provided as soon as possible. The ACCC expects to be in a position to release its draft determination in respect of the applications shortly after this information is provided.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Louise Hird on 03 9290 1484.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GJ' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Gavin Jones  
Director  
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