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Mr Garry Dickens
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Dear Mr Dickens

St George Region of Councils – application for authorisation A91019 – draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the St George Region of Councils (SGROC) on 27 October 2006.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached, and will be provided to interested parties. A copy of the draft determination will also be available on the ACCC's website at www.accc.gov.au (follow the *Public registers* link to the *Authorisations register*).

For the reasons set out in the draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation to the proposed arrangements until 30 June 2018.

Interim authorisation

On 23 November 2006, the ACCC granted interim authorisation to SGROC to commence the joint tender process. Interim authorisation will continue to protect the tender process from action under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* until the date the ACCC's final determination comes into effect or until the ACCC decides to revoke interim authorisation.

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the applicants or any interested party who may be dissatisfied with the ACCC's draft determination may request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'. A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination.



Under the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, the ACCC must set a date within 14 days of which any pre-decision conference must be requested. Accordingly, if you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination, you must notify the ACCC in writing by **close of business 12 March 2007**. Conferences are conducted informally, without the participation of legal or other professional advisers.

You are also invited to make a written submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination. Written submissions should be lodged by **close of business 12 March 2007** at the following address:

The General Manager
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Submissions can also be lodged by e-mail to adjudication@acc.gov.au, or by facsimile on (02) 6243 1211.

Persons lodging a submission with the ACCC may request that information included in the submission be excluded from the public register in certain circumstances. Submissions which are excluded from the public register may still be taken into account by the ACCC when conducting its assessment of an authorisation application. Guidelines for seeking exclusion from the public register are attached for your information.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a pre-decision conference be called, and will then release a final determination in relation to the application for authorisation.

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 Sarah Chubb on (02) 6243 1088.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Gregson', followed by a long, horizontal, wavy line that extends to the right.

Scott Gregson
General Manager
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