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Dear [Salutation]

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

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a determination granting authorisation in respect of application for authorisation A91019 lodged by the St George Region of Councils (SGROC) on 27 October 2006.

SGROC sought authorisation to jointly tender and contract for the provision of waste and recycling collection services in their combined local government areas.

Summary of ACCC considerations

Having considered the application and submissions from SGROC and interested parties, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation to the collective arrangements until 30 June 2018.

The ACCC considers that the anti-competitive detriment arising from the collective arrangements is likely to be minimal, particularly given that the arrangements apply to only three out of 38 councils in the Sydney Metropolitan Area.

The ACCC considers that the collective arrangements are likely to give rise to a number of public benefits, including collection efficiencies and costs savings, improved services, environmental benefits and better education programs for residents in the relevant municipalities.

Therefore, after considering all the information before it, the ACCC is of the view that the public benefits flowing from the arrangements are likely to outweigh the anti-competitive detriments, and the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation.

Application for review

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for a review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before



11 April 2007. If no application for review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 12 April 2007.

A copy of the determination is available on the ACCC's website at www.accc.gov.au (follow the *Public registers* link to the *Authorisations register*).

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter or would like a copy of the determination sent to you, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Chubb on (02) 6243 1088.

Yours sincerely



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Interested parties

BIS Cleanaway Limited

Global Renewables Australia

Remondis Pty Ltd

Thiess Services Pty Ltd

Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd

Waste Contractors and Recyclers Association of NSW

Waste Management Association of Australia