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The General Manager  
Adjudication Branch  
Australian Competition & Consumer Commission  
PO Box 1199  
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Dear Sir

**Re: MAV – Application for Authorisation A320244 – A320245 – draft determination**

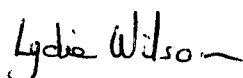
I refer to your letter of 21 December 2006 concerning the above matter associated with the ACCC proposal to grant authorisation to the MAV for the proposed Bus Shelter Agreement until 31 July 2017.

As noted in the documentation, City of Manningham has a separate arrangement with Adshel and Council has separately advised the MAV of its views concerning the proposed tender process. It is noted that 11 municipalities wish to participate in the MAV endorsed proposal with the Department of Infrastructure.

In making this submission, Manningham City Council wishes to protect its current arrangement with Adshel which has proven to be of significant financial benefit to Council and the local community. Whilst the DOI's role and responsibility is noted, significant investment in the image and urban amenity has been undertaken by Council to establish a consistent urban theme with all street furniture and Council would like to ensure that DOI in pursuing improvements to the efficiency and effectiveness of transport facilities, including safety etc., that it does not erode the rights of Councils to manage public infrastructure within its area of responsibilities to the best advantage of the local community.

It is worth commenting that in determining the site of each bus shelter and particularly those displaying advertising boards and lighted facilities, Manningham City Council went through a rigorous planning process to accommodate local amenity and environmental sensitivities. A commitment to good local governance which we would like to ensure is adopted by the current proposal.

Yours sincerely

  
**LYDIA WILSON**  
Chief Executive

