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Dear Ms Moore

**Central Queensland Local Government Association application for authorisation
A91087 - draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of an application for authorisation lodged by Central Queensland Local Government Association on behalf of Rockhampton Regional Council, Gladstone Regional Council, Central Highlands Regional Council and Isaac Regional Council (the Applicants) on 17 April 2008.

Draft determination

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation until 31 December 2018. The ACCC's assessment is set out in Chapter 6 of the draft determination.

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the applicants or any interested party 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. Conferences are conducted informally and while legal or professional advisers are able to attend they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

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 30 July 2008.

Alternatively, you are invited to make a written submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination. Submissions should be provided to the ACCC by 1 August 2008.

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 this application.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (guidelines for seeking exclusion are attached).

Timetable

The ACCC will continue to progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An updated indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

17 April 2008	Application for authorisation lodged with the ACCC, including an application for interim authorisation.
1 May 2008	Closing date for submissions from interested parties in relation to the request for interim authorisation.
9 May 2008	Closing date for submissions from interested parties in relation to the substantive application for authorisation.
14 May 2008	The ACCC granted interim authorisation to allow the commencement of the tender process.
30 May 2008	Submission received from the Applicants in response to interested party submissions.
16 July 2008	Draft determination issued.
30 July 2008	Closing date to request a pre-decision conference.
1 August 2008	Closing date for submissions from interested parties in relation to the draft determination.
August 2008	Final determination.

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 Simon Mitchell on 03 9290 6909.

Yours sincerely



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