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Dear Sir / Madam

**Inner Sydney Waste Management Group of Councils application for authorisation  
A91096 - interested party consultation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received an application for authorisation from the Inner Sydney Waste Management Group of Councils (ISWMG). The ACCC invites you to comment on the application. Attached is a summary of the authorisation process, including how to make a submission to the ACCC.

The ISWMG comprises: Council of the Municipality of Ashfield; Auburn Council; Burwood Council; City of Canada Bay Council; Council of the Municipality of Strathfield; and Leichhardt Municipal Council.

The ISWMG is seeking authorisation for the above councils to:

jointly tender and contract for the services of a contractor or contractors deemed suitable to provide regional transfer, processing and disposal of food and garden organics and the marketing and sale of any material or products derived from that transfer or processing to the respective local government areas.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's website [www.accc.gov.au](http://www.accc.gov.au). Alternatively, you can contact Jasmine Tan on (02) 6243 1363 to obtain a hard copy of the application and submission.

**Request for submission**

The ACCC is writing to a representative sample of potentially interested parties, seeking their views on the application.

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed arrangements. In particular the ACCC would appreciate your views on the following issues:

the likely situation that would occur in the Inner Sydney region if the proposed arrangements are not authorised

- the impact of the proposed arrangements on competition, in particular the potential for new entry and/or investment in the provision of waste services

the potential for the proposed arrangement to result in cost savings in the provision of waste services

the public benefits that are likely to result from the proposed arrangements, including social benefits and environmental benefits

- any other relevant issues

The ACCC asks for submissions to be in writing so they can be made available on its public register and website. Persons lodging a submission with the ACCC may request that information included in the submission be excluded from the public register. If you wish to request that any information in your response to this letter be excluded from the public register by reason of its confidential nature, please refer to the attached guidelines. If the ACCC decides to exclude any information from the public register, the ACCC may take it into account, even though it is not publicly available.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the ISWMG's application for authorisation, please do so by **19 August 2008**.

Please address your submission to:

The General Manager  
Adjudication Branch  
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission  
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Submissions can also be lodged by email to [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au) or by facsimile on (02) 6243 1211.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Jasmine Tan on (02) 6243 1363 to organise a suitable time.

Submissions, including a record of oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion.

### **Timetable**

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

<b>23 July 2008</b>	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
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<b>29 July 2008</b>	Public consultation process begins.
<b>19 August 2008</b>	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
<b>August 2008</b>	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
<b>September 2008</b>	Draft determination.
<b>September/October 2008</b>	Public consultation on draft determination, including any conference if called.
<b>October/November 2008</b>	Final determination.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time but would like to be informed of the progress of the application at the draft and final determination stages. If you are able to, please provide a nominated contact email address for future correspondence.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the applications.

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 Jasmine Tan on (02) 6243 1363.

Yours sincerely



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