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Dear Interested Party

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Redland City Council and Brisbane City Council - application for authorisation A91500 - draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Redland City Council on 25 May 2015.

Please see the ACCC's publication [Authorisation process - the basics](#) for a summary of the authorisation process and how to make a submission to the ACCC.

Redland City Council and Brisbane City Council (the Applicants) are seeking authorisation for:

- The Applicants to conduct a joint tender process for waste, recycling and green waste collection services
- Brisbane City Council to negotiate the contractual framework on behalf of the Applicants
- The Applicants to make joint decision regarding the ongoing management of the contract for the waste and recycling collection services were a joint contract to eventuate.

The Applicants have sought authorisation for a period of 19 years, comprising of a 3 year tender period and contract term of up to 16 years.

Draft determination

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination and summary of its reasons is attached.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for 19 years.

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicant or any interested party may make a written submission and/or request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'.

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **4 September 2015**. "Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "A91500 – Redland City Council and Brisbane City Council – submission".

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 **4 September 2015**.

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 these applications.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#).

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.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
25 May 2015	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
3 June 2015	Public consultation process begins.
13 August 2015	Draft determination.
August/September 2015	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
October/November 2015	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 Luke Griffin on 02 6243 1114 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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