



**Australian
Competition &
Consumer
Commission**

Our Ref: 57223
Contact Officer: Hubert Wu
Contact Phone: (03) 9658 6490

GPO Box 3131
Canberra ACT 2601

23 Marcus Clarke Street
Canberra ACT 2601

tel: (02) 6243 1111
fax: (02) 6243 1199

www.accc.gov.au

11 June 2015

Mark McCowan
Partner
Corrs Chambers Westgarth

Mr Alistair Newton
Senior Associate
Corrs Chambers Westgarth

By email: mark.mccowan@corrs.com.au and alistair.newton@corrs.com.au

Dear Mr McCowan and Mr Newton

**Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group & Ors - applications for
authorisation A91489 & A91490 – draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group, Brimbank City Council, Melbourne City Council, Port Phillip City Council, and Wyndham City Council (the **Applicants**) on 8 April 2015.

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 12 years.

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicants 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 **26 June 2014**.

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 **26 June 2014**.

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. 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
8 April 2015	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
15 April 2015	Public consultation process begins.
11 May 2015	Granting of interim authorisation.
11 June 2015	Draft determination
June/July 2015	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
July 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 Hubert Wu on (03) 9658 6490.

Yours sincerely



Dr Richard Chadwick
General Manager
Adjudication Branch