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Dear Sir/Madam

North East Waste and Resource Recovery Group application for authorisation A91551- interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received an application for authorisation from North East Waste and Resource Recovery Group (NEWRRG). The ACCC invites you to comment on the application. Please see the ACCC's online publication [Authorisation process - the basics](#) for a summary of the authorisation process and how to make a submission to the ACCC.

NEWRRG is seeking authorisation to jointly procure waste and resource recovery and processing services on behalf of the Victorian councils of Alpine Shire, Benalla Rural, Indigo Shire, Mansfield Shire, Towong Shire, the City of Wodonga, and the Falls Creek, Mt Hotham and Mt Buller Mt Stirling Alpine Resort Managements (the Constituted Councils).

NEWRRG, a Victorian statutory body corporate whose role is to coordinate joint procurements of this kind, proposes to act on the Constituted Councils' behalf and conduct collaborative competitive tender processes for services, and participate in the ongoing administration of the relevant supply contracts.

The parties seek authorisation for a total period of 11 years, comprising: a three-year period for joined procurement processes, and an operating term of three to eight years.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's website www.acc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister. Alternatively, you can contact Kathryn Burela on 03 9290 1474 to obtain a hard copy of the application and submission.

Request for submission

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

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to NEWRRG's application for authorisation, please do so by **3 October 2016**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject 'A91551 – North East Waste and Resource Recovery Group – submission'.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Kathryn Burela on 03 9290 1474 to organise a suitable time.

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

Timetable

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

31 August 2016	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
12 September 2016	Public consultation process begins.
3 October 2016	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
14 October 2016	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
November 2016	Draft determination.
December-January 2017	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
January- February 2017	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, 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 application.

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 Kathryn Burela on 03 9290 1474 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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