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To: Batten, Elizabeth
Cc: Taryn Alderdice
Subject: Response to query - Council Solutions waste contracts application

Importance: High

Hi Liz

I refer to your email to Taryn Alderdice of Council Solutions dated 22 November 2016. She has asked that I respond to you directly in relation to this query.

At a teleconference with the ACCC held 29 September 2016 the ACCC queried whether the City of Charles Sturt had given consideration to whether there are potential economies of scale in recycling processing.

The City of Charles Sturt has collaborated with other Councils in a wide range of ways in recent years, to improve the outcome of procurements for waste services. These collaborations have included working with the former Waste Care SA group of Councils on waste disposal, with East Waste on green organics processing, and with the City of Tea Tree Gully for both kerbside collection and the processing of kerbside recyclables.

In combination, these procurements have resulted in the City of Charles Sturt saving \$1.2 million per annum ongoing when compared with previously contracted pricing.

These savings demonstrate the advantage of a joint procurement approach, when informed by up-to-date knowledge of the waste sector and exercised in a strategic manner with carefully chosen timing for any approach to market.

For these reasons, Council has resolved to work closely with Council Solutions regional subsidiary, to provide for future collaborative procurement of waste services, and with a view to continuing to secure high quality waste services at the most competitive prices available.

I hope this assists you in considering the issues concerned.

Regards,

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