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By email

Dear Sir or Madam

Council Solutions & Ors application for authorisation A91520 — PRE-DECISION CONFERENCE

A number of interested parties have requested that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) convene a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination issued by the ACCC on 11 February 2016 proposing to grant authorisation A91520.

The ACCC invites you to attend the conference.

The draft determination follows an application by Council Solution on 30 November 2015. Council Solutions, on behalf of itself and Adelaide City Council and the Cities of Charles Sturt, Marion, Tea Tree Gully and Port Adelaide Enfield, proposing to jointly tender, negotiate and contract for the supply of:

- waste collection services
- receiving and processing of recyclables
- receiving and processing of organics
- waste disposal services.

The ACCC concluded in its draft determination that overall it was satisfied that the public benefit flowing from the proposed arrangements is likely to outweigh any anti-competitive detriment and proposed to grant authorisation to the application. A copy of the application and draft determination can be found on the ACCC's website at <http://www.accc.gov.au>.

A pre-decision conference provides a valuable opportunity for applicants and interested parties to make oral submissions to the ACCC about its draft determination.

The ACCC will hold the conference on **21 March 2016**, commencing at **10am ACDT**, at:

Adina Apartment Hotel Adelaide Treasury
2 Flinders Street
Adelaide SA 5000.

ACCC Commissioner Sarah Court will chair the conference.

Under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Act), the conference may be attended by the applicant and other interested parties. If you wish to attend, you must notify the ACCC of your intention by **COB Monday, 14 March 2016**.

Notifications can be emailed to: adjudication@accc.gov.au.

For each person who will attend the conference, please provide a name, position title, telephone number, and e-mail address. If more than one representative will attend from your organisation, please also indicate who will be the chief spokesperson.

Please note that, while conference participants may bring outside legal or other professional advisers to assist them, under the Act these advisers are not entitled to participate in conference discussions.

Attached for your information are procedures usually followed at pre-decision conferences.

A copy of this letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you require any further information in regard to the conference, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Batten on (02) 6243 1359.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Baethan Mullen', is positioned above the typed name.

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