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Taryn Alderdice
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By email

Dear Ms Alderdice

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

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

As you are aware, 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 it was satisfied that the public benefit flowing from the proposed arrangements were likely to outweigh any anti-competitive detriment and proposed to grant authorisation to the application.

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**, at **Adina Apartment Hotel Adelaide Treasury**, 2 Flinders Street, Adelaide.

The conference will commence at **10am ACDT**. 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. Please advise the ACCC of the names of the applicant's representatives who will be attending and their position titles, and indicate who will be the applicant's chief spokesperson.

Please provide this information by **COB 14 March 2016**. You may provide this information by email to: adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Please note that, while conference participants may bring outside legal or other professional advisers to assist them, the Act prohibits these advisers from participating 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 cursive script, appearing to read 'B Mullen', written in black ink.

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