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By email

Dear Sir / Madam

**St George Region of Councils: Hurstville City Council; Kogarah City Council;
and Rockdale City Council - application for revocation of authorisation
A91019 and substitution of authorisation A91530—interested party
consultation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received an application for revocation and substitution (re-authorisation) from the St George Region of Councils (the Applicants). The ACCC invites you to comment on the application.

A summary of the authorisation process including how to make a submission to the ACCC is available on the ACCC's website: [authorisation process - the basics](#).

St George Region of Councils (Hurstville, Kogarah and Rockdale Councils) seek revocation and substitution (re-authorisation) to extend their existing authorisation by five years to 2023. The existing authorisation to jointly tender and contract for the provision of waste and recycling services in their local government areas was granted in 2007 and extends until 2018. The substitute application has been lodged to enable the councils to invoke the contract extension clauses in their waste and recycling collection contracts.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's website www.acc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister.

Request for submissions

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 the applicants' application for re-authorisation, please do so by **8 April 2016**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject 'A91530 – St George Region of Councils – submission'.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (guidelines are attached).

Timetable

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

2 March 2016	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
18 March 2016	Public consultation process begins.
8 April 2016	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
April 2016	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
May 2016	Draft determination.
May/June 2016	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
June 2016	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 applications at the draft and final determination stages. If you are able to, 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 Luke Griffin on 02 6243 1114 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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