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Dear Senator

Council Solutions & Ors - Application for authorisation A91520

Thank you for your correspondence dated 24 February 2016 in relation to the ACCC's draft determination on the application for authorisation lodged by Council Solutions.

In your correspondence you raised a number of issues for the ACCC to take into account when making a final determination. The purpose of this letter is to confirm that the ACCC will consider these issues prior to issuing a final determination in this matter.

You also sought an extension of time for interested parties to provide written submissions prior to the ACCC issuing a final determination. I can confirm that we extended the deadline for submissions by an additional two weeks. Parties who wish to make a submission in response to the draft determination are invited to email their submission to adjudication@acc.gov.au by 11 March 2016.

The ACCC will also take into account oral submissions made during a pre-decision conference, which will be held in Adelaide on 21 March 2016. A pre-decision conference provides a valuable opportunity for applicants and interested parties to make oral submissions to the ACCC about its draft determination prior to the ACCC making a final determination. We have written to potentially interested parties to provide information about arrangements for the conference.

I trust this information is of assistance and thank you for taking the time to write in relation to your concerns. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Baethan Mullen on (02) 6243 3067.

This letter will be made available on the ACCC public register.

Yours sincerely

Rod Sims
Chairman