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Dear Sir / Madam

St George Region of Council: Hurstville City Council, Kogarah Municipal Council and Rockdale City Council - Application for revocation and substitution A91530 - draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for revocation and substitution lodged by the St George Region of Councils: Hurstville City Council, Kogarah Municipal Council and Rockdale City Council (the Applicants) on 2 March 2016.

Please see the ACCC's publication [Authorisation process - the basics](#) for a summary of the authorisation process and how to make a submission to the ACCC.

The Applicants are currently authorised to jointly tender and contract for the provision of waste and recycling services in their respective local government areas until 30 June 2018. The Applicants wish to invoke clauses in their waste and recycling collection contracts with the successful tenderer (SUEZ Recycling & Recovery Pty Ltd) to extend those contracts by five years. In order to facilitate this, the Applicants seek authorisation to continue to jointly contract for the provision of waste and recycling collection services in their respective local government areas until 2 February 2023.

Draft determination

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination and summary of its reasons is attached.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation until 2 February 2023.

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicant or any interested party may make a written submission and/or request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'.

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **24 June 2016**. "Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "A91530 – St George Region of Councils – submission".

A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination. Conferences are conducted informally and while legal or professional advisers are able to attend they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination you must notify the ACCC in writing by **24 June 2016**.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a pre-decision conference be called, and will then release a final determination in relation to these applications.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#).

Timetable

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

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
2 March 2016	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
18 March 2016	Public consultation process begins.
1 June 2016	Draft determination.
24 June 2016	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
July/August 2016	Final determination.

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 Kabita Prasad on (02) 6243 1187 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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