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Taryn Alderdice  
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By email

Dear Ms Alderdice

**Council Solutions & Ors application for authorisation A91520 — Extension of time for Council Solutions to provide written submission**

I refer your correspondence dated 30 May 2016 regarding the above application for authorisation. In your correspondence you requested an extension of time for Council Solutions to provide a written submission to the ACCC until 30 June 2016.

You indicated that Council Solutions has recently met with a number of interested parties, and the additional time will allow Council Solutions to meaningfully consider the feedback provided at these meetings. You have indicated that Council Solutions will discuss the feedback further with participating Councils and will seek their feedback to the concerns discussed. You have also indicated that Council Solutions will consider the benefit of undertaking any further industry engagement during this period.

We confirm that the ACCC agrees to your request for an extension of time to provide a written submission. We would appreciate receiving Council Solutions' written submission by **30 June 2016**.

A revised indicative timetable, including steps in the process that have occurred to date, is set out below for your information.

<b>30 November 2015</b>	Lodgement of application and supporting submission
<b>3 December 2015</b>	Public consultation process begins
<b>18 December 2015</b>	Closing date for public submissions from interested parties ( <i>First opportunity for interested parties to provide written submissions</i> )
<b>19 January 2016</b>	Applicant responds to issues raised in public consultation process

<b>11 February 2016</b>	ACCC issues draft determination and ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation
<b>26 February 2016</b>	Closing date for interested parties to request that the ACCC convene a pre-decision conference
<b>11 March 2016</b>	Closing date for public submissions on the draft determination (extended from 26 February 2016) <i>(Second opportunity to provide written submissions)</i>
<b>21 March 2016</b>	Pre-decision conference held in Adelaide <i>(Opportunity for Applicant and interested parties to make oral submissions on the draft determination)</i>
<b>4 April 2016</b>	Closing date for written submissions following the pre-decision conference <i>(Third opportunity for interested parties to provide written submissions)</i>
<b>29 April 2016</b>	Six month statutory timeframe to make a final determination extended from 2 July 2016 until 23 December 2016
<b>30 June 2016</b>	Applicant to respond to issues raised in public consultation process (extended from 18 April 2016 and 30 May 2016)
<b>July 2016</b>	Consultation with interested parties in relation to information and issues raised in Council Solutions' written submission <i>(Fourth opportunity for interested parties to provide written submissions)</i>
<b>August / September 2016</b>	ACCC issues final determination

We will shortly provide this revised timetable to interested parties. Please note that this timetable is subject to Council Solutions providing a written submission by 30 June and any further consultation that the ACCC may need to undertake.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Elizabeth Batten on (02) 6243 1359.

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

Yours sincerely



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