

30 May 2016

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Australian Competition & Consumer Commission
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CANBERRA ACT 2601

Via email

Dear Mr Mullen,

A91520 – COUNCIL SOLUTIONS & ORS – REQUEST TO EXTEND TIMETABLE FOR APPLICANT TO RESPOND TO ISSUES RAISED IN PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS

I refer to the letter from the ACCC dated 12 May 2016 outlining the revised timetable for the assessment of the above application.

Following on from the pre-decision conference and written submissions received during the public consultation process, Council Solutions has held meetings with a number of interested parties to further discuss and understand their concerns. Due to the complexities of arranging mutually benefit times with a number of parties, these meetings have been held over the last three business days (i.e. 26th, 27th and 30th May).

These discussions have been beneficial to Council Solutions and the Participating Councils in clarifying the key areas of concern from the market to the Proposed Conduct and will further inform our written submissions. However as these meetings have occurred so close to the targeted date for the Applicant's written submission Council Solutions wishes to request some additional time to consider the feedback provided in a meaningful manner.

This time will include discussing the feedback provided at the meetings further with the Participating Councils and seeking their feedback to the concerns discussed. Additionally, Council Solutions will consider the benefit of undertaking any further engagement during this period.

As such, Council Solutions requests an extension to 30 June 2016. We understand this will extend the overall timetable accordingly and anticipate the timing of the final determination to be amended to August / September 2016.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any queries regarding this.

Kind Regards,



Taryn Alderdice
Contract Management Officer
Council Solutions