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9th October 2017 (this letter replaces our advice dated 6th September 2017)

Dear Sir

Application for authorisation A91598 – Muswellbrook Shire Council and Upper Hunter Shire Council

We refer to your letter dated 31st August 2017 with respect to an application by the Muswellbrook Shire Council and Upper Hunter Shire Council.

We understand that the Councils have sought authorisation to enter into and give effect to an agreement to jointly invite tenders for the provision of kerbside waste collection services, specifically the collection of garbage, recyclables and organics from the kerbside and its transportation to their respective facilities for resource recovery processing or disposal.

On behalf of our Members we confirm that the Association supports this collective authorisation on the following basis:

- That any tender that is advertised and awarded is strictly for the services requested in the specification;
- The scope of works for this public tender is as follows: Collection and transport of domestic red bin waste to each Council's respective landfill facility for disposal; Collection, transport and processing of yellow bin recyclables; Collection and transport of organics to each Council's respective organics processing facility; Servicing of Public Place Bins – waste collection and transport to Council's landfill for disposal; Servicing of Muswellbrook Transfer Skip Bins - waste collection and transport to Council's landfill for disposal; Bulky Waste Collection on either annual, bi-annual or on-call basis, and transport to each Council's respective landfill for disposal. It is our very clear expectation that if any additional services are to be awarded, then they will be the subject of another competitive, widely advertised tender process;

- That this process follows the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) service timelines & Model Collection contracts;
- That all tender documents comply with the NSW Domestic Waste Code of Practice (SafeWork NSW); and
- That all tender documents comply with the NSW EPA Better Practice Guide for Waste Management in Multi-Unit Dwellings.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of our response please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours Faithfully,

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Executive Director