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By email

Dear Madam or Sir

# Campbelltown City Council & Ors - application for re-authorisation AA1000522—draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for re-authorisation lodged by the councils of Campbelltown City, Camden, Liverpool City, Wingecarribee Shire and Wollondilly Shire (the Applicants) on 2 July 2020.

The Applicants are seeking a five year extension of the term of an authorisation granted by the ACCC in 2018 (AA1000428), due to significant changes in circumstances since the original authorisation was granted. Authorisation AA1000428 enabled the Applicants to jointly tender and collaboratively contract for the provision of processing services for kerbside waste.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation, extending the period by five years until 1 July 2049.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached and also available on the ACCC's <u>authorisations public register.</u>

## 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'.

### Making a submission

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **Friday**, **4 September 2020**. Submissions should be emailed to <u>adjudication@accc.gov.au</u> with the subject "AA1000522 – Campbelltown City Council & Ors – submission".

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made at a pre-decision conference (should one be called - see below), and will then release a final determination in relation to this application.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication <u>Guidelines for excluding information from the public register</u>.

### **Optional pre-decision conference**

In some cases the applicant or an interested party requests that the ACCC convene a predecision conference in relation to its draft determination. If a conference is called it will be open to the applicant and interested parties to attend and 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. I note that travel restrictions currently in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic mean that any conference would have to be held via video link.

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 **Friday**, **4 September 2020** by email to <u>adjudication@accc.gov.au</u>.

## 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 July 2020	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
20 August 2020	Draft determination
August/September	Public consultation on draft determination
October 2020	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 Hannah Ransom on (02) 6243 1255.

Yours sincerely

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