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Sent: Monday, 19 October 2020 10:16 AM
To: Hobbs, Tanya
Subject: RE: MWRRG Organics Waste Processing SE [SEC=OFFICIAL] [ACCC-ACCCANDAER.FID1989250]

Dear ACCC,

I am writing to you as an affected stakeholder in the proposed introduction of four new councils, Melbourne City, Port Phillip City, Whittlesea City, and Yarra City, to the South Eastern Organics Group as part of the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG) Organics Waste processing tender.

We have been for 18 months attempting to secure feedstock in order to establish an advanced organics waste processing facility at our site in Melbourne and have been actively trying to source organics waste feedstock from the Melbourne metropolitan market.

Over the last 18 months we have identified that most councils were in fact already contracted to MWRRG contracts however there are a few remaining which are not.

With limited opportunities to secure the waste feedstock required to support large scale investment in best practise resource recovery infrastructure the introduction of new competitors and technology is dependent on local government or MWRRG making available to the wider market opportunities to participate in competitive processes.

Should the nominated councils be given the option to participate in existing MWRRG without going to tender under a competitive processes the objectives of the Victorian Governments Recycling Policy will severely be undermined as companies seeking to enter the market like ours with new state of the art technology that will drive a step change in the industry will be unfairly prevented opportunity.

This will result in an anti-competitive market dynamic where the existing providers are provided clear market advantages that will prevent new entrants.

We request that MWRRG be advised to run a competitive process for any additional local government authorities seeking to participate in the procurement of Organics waste processing services so that organisations like ours seeking to the enter the market are provided equal opportunity to present their offering.

Regards,