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Dear Interested Party

Hunter Resource Recovery applications for authorisation (AA1000670) - interested party consultation

On 26 April 2024, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) received an application for authorisation from Hunter Resource Recovery (**HRR**). This letter is to invite you to comment. You are welcome to pass this letter on to others who may wish to make submissions.

HRR, on behalf of itself, and its Member Councils, (Cessnock City Council, Lake Macquarie City Council, Maitland City Council and Singleton Shire Council), is seeking authorisation¹ under the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth), to enter and give effect to a new, short-term contract with Solo Resource Recovery, with respect to collection, processing and distribution of recyclables on a unified basis for its Member Councils.

HRR is seeking authorisation for 3 years, from June 2025.

HRR has sought interim authorisation with respect to this application above.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's authorisations public register: [AA1000670](#)

Making a submission

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the application for interim authorisation, and the substantive application for authorisation. In making your submission, please provide information, evidence and views about the likely public benefits, effects on competition and any other public detriment that you consider will result from the proposed conduct.

If you intend to provide a submission, please do so by **29 May 2023**. If you wish to request an extension, please contact us on the details below as early as possible. Submissions after the due date (or after any extension granted) may not be taken into account.

Submissions should be lodged via the web form accessible on the public register [page](#) for these applications. Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Anna Pound via the details at the end of this letter.

Your submission **will** be placed on the ACCC's [authorisations public register on the internet](#) unless you have made a request (with reasons) for us to exclude part or all of the submission from the public register. (see [Guidelines for Excluding Information from the](#)

¹ For information about Authorisations, please see <https://www.accc.gov.au/business/exemptions/authorisation>

[Public Register for more information on how to make a request and how we assess requests\).](#)

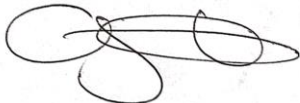
Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information, and an up-to-date version (including any changes) will be posted on the public register.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
26 April 2024	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
29 May 2024	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
10 June 2024	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
June/July 2024	Draft determination and interim authorisation decision.
July 2024	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
September/October 2024	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Anna Pound on 03 9290 9620 or exemptions@accc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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