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By email

Dear Madam or Sir

Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG) & Ors (advanced processing) – application for authorisation AA1000448 – draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (**MWRRG**) on 23 July 2019.

MWRRG, on behalf of itself and a group of sixteen councils located in the south-east of metropolitan Melbourne are proposing to conduct a joint competitive tender process to investigate, and potentially procure, the provision of advanced waste processing services (**AWP**).

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for 30 months to conduct the tender process and 30 years to give effect to the contract(s) for the supply of AWP services.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached and also available on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#).

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 **4 December 2019**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "AA1000448 – Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (advanced processing) – submission". If you prefer to make an oral submission, please contact Tessa Cramond via the details at the end of this letter.

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 [Guidelines for excluding confidential information from the public register](#).

Optional pre-decision conference

In some cases the applicant or an interested party requests that the ACCC convene a pre-decision 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.

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 **4 December 2019** by email to adjudication@acc.gov.au.

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
23 July 2019	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
1 August 2019	Public consultation process begins.
16 August 2019	Closing date for submissions.
29 August 2019	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
September 2019	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation
20 November 2019	Draft determination.
November/December 2019	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
4 December 2019	Closing date for submissions in response to draft determination.
December/January 2019	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 Tessa Cramond on (03) 9658 6516.

Yours sincerely



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Adjudication