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Dear Sir/Madam

Bayside Council and Georges River Council application for authorisation AA1000631 – interested party consultation

On 30 November 2022, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) received an application for authorisation from Bayside Council and Georges River Council (**the Applicants**). This letter is to invite you to comment. You are welcome to pass this letter on to others who may wish to make submissions.

The Applicants are seeking authorisation¹ under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth). The Applicants have sought authorisation to carry out a joint tender process and to enter into contracts to procure waste and recycling collection services (the **Proposed Conduct**). The Applicants (under previous names) have [previously received](#) ACCC authorisation for similar conduct which is due to expire on 2 February 2023.

The Applicants are seeking authorisation for 15 years. A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#).

Interim authorisation

The Applicants have also requested interim authorisation to allow them to give effect to the Proposed Conduct prior to the ACCC's final determination in relation to the substantive application for authorisation.

Making a submission

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the application for authorisation and interim 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 **17 January 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. If you wish to make a submission in relation to this matter, please email your submission to exemptions@acc.gov.au, with the subject 'AA1000631 – Bayside Council & Georges River Council – submission'. Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Sam O'Connor via the details at the end of this letter.

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

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

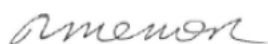
Timetable

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
30 November 2022	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
20 December 2022	Public consultation process begins.
17 January 2023	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
24 January 2023	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
31 January 2023	Interim authorisation decision and draft determination
February 2023	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
February 2023	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 Sam O'Connor on 03 9910 9522 or exemptions@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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