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By email

Dear Interested Party

Shellharbour City Council and Wollongong City Council — application for authorisation AA1000659 — final determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**the ACCC**) has issued a determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Shellharbour City Council and Wollongong City Council (**the Applicants**) on 21 December 2023.

The Applicants sought authorisation to jointly procure waste collection services for their respective areas.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons, and also available on the ACCC's <u>authorisations public register</u>. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation until 1 July 2037. The ACCC's assessment is set out in Chapter 3 of its determination.

Application for review

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth), a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 27 June 2024. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 28 June 2024.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal please refer to the tribunal's website located at http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/.

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 Miriam Kolacz on (03) 9658 6476.

Yours sincerely

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