



Notification Waiver Determination

Re.Group – Scouts Queensland Recycling Centre Site

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| Acquisition | Re.Group Pty Ltd, via Re.Turn-It Pty Ltd (together Re.Group) applied for a notification waiver in respect of its proposed acquisition of the assets, leasehold interests, and employees of the Scout Recycling Centre in Slacks Creek, Queensland, held by The Scout Association of Australia, South Australian Branch Incorporated (Scouts SA), as described in the transaction documents provided as part of the application (the Acquisition). |
| Determination | The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has determined under section 51ABV(1)(a) of the <i>Competition and Consumer Act 2010</i> (Cth) that the Acquisition is not required to be notified. |
| Date of determination | 29 January 2026 |

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| Parties to the Acquisition | <p>The acquirer, Re.Group operates material recycling facilities and food and garden organics processing services in Australia and New Zealand. Re.Group is a network operator for the Australian Capital Territory and Victorian Container Deposit Schemes and an operator for equivalent container deposit and refund schemes in Western Australia, Queensland and New South Wales. Re.Group also operates several Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) across Australia, including in Townsville. The Townsville MRF is an approved processor under the Queensland Container Refund Scheme (CRS) for the local Townsville area.</p> <p>The target, the Scout Recycling Centre in Slacks Creek, a suburb of Brisbane, is owned and operated by the not-for-profit organisation, Scouts SA. The Scout Recycling Centre in Slacks Creek operates as a recycling depot for the CRS.</p> <p>Both parties supply CRS services in Queensland.</p> |
| Explanation for determination | <p>In making this notification waiver determination, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has considered the information provided with the notification waiver application and had regard to the factors in section 51ABV(2)(b) of the <i>Competition and Consumer Act 2010</i> (Cth) (Act)</p> <p>Based on the information provided in the application, the ACCC considers that the Acquisition is unlikely to give rise to any material lessening of competition. In particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">whilst there is horizontal overlap between the CRS services supplied by Re.Group and the Scout Recycling Centre in Slacks Creek, there are alternative suppliers of CRS services and the incremental share resulting from the proposed Acquisition is low. |

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| | <p>b. the parties are expected to be constrained by alternative suppliers of CRS services in Queensland as a whole, and in the Greater Brisbane and Gold Coast region. There are several other suppliers that operate CRS refund/collection points in that region, and in the area surrounding the Scout Recycling Centre in Slacks Creek.</p> <p>c. the organisation appointed by the Queensland Government to run the CRS, Container Exchange (Qld) Limited (COEX) determines the prices, number, location, and operators of CRS collection points.</p> <p>On the information provided to the ACCC in the application, it is not clear whether or not the monetary thresholds are met. However, given that the ACCC considers that material competition concerns are unlikely to arise, it is not necessary to reach a concluded view on the likelihood of the notification thresholds being met.</p> <p>The ACCC considers that the determination is consistent with the object of the Act and the interests of consumers in promoting competition.</p> <p>For more information about the ACCC's approach to considering notification waiver applications and to assessing competition effects more generally, see the ACCC's interim guidance on notification waivers and merger assessment guidelines.</p> |
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Determination made by a division of the Commission constituted by a direction issued pursuant to section 19 of the Act