Notification Waiver Determination

Respect Group – Clifton Co-op Hospital aged care, support at home care and community housing, Clifton QLD

Acquisition	Respect Group Limited (**Respect Group**) applied for a notification waiver in respect of its proposed acquisition of 100% of the business, land and assets of Clifton Co-op Hospital Ltd (**CCH**), 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 *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) that the Acquisition is not required to be notified.
Date of determination	18 November 2026

Parties to the Acquisition	The acquirer, Respect Group, is a not-for-profit registered charity and unlisted public company based in Tasmania, which provides residential aged care, retirement living and support at home services. Respect Group owns and operates 47 residential aged care homes across Tasmania, New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia, Queensland and South Australia. Respect Group operates support at home services in Tasmania, Western Australia, New South Wales and Victoria. The target, CCH, is a member-owned co-operative based in Clifton, Queensland, governed by the Co-operatives National Law. CCH operates a residential aged care, and provides support at home services and community housing services, in Clifton, Queensland. Each of the parties provides funded residential care services and support at home in accordance with the *Aged Care Act 2024* (Cth), although Respect Group does not provide support at home services in Queensland.
Explanation for determination	In making this notification waiver determination, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has considered the information provided with the notification waiver application and had regard to the factors in section 51ABV(2)(b) of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) (the **Act**). 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 given: a. there is no geographic overlap between Respect Group and CCH in the supply of support at home services in Queensland

	b. there is limited geographic overlap between Respect Group and CCH in the supply of residential age care services, with Respect Groups closest existing facilities being located over 74 kilometres away by road c. there are alternative providers of residential age care services in the region surrounding CCH. In these circumstances, the ACCC does not consider it necessary to reach a concluded view on the likelihood of the notification thresholds being met. Given that material competition concerns are unlikely to arise, the ACCC has determined that the Acquisition is not required to be notified. The ACCC considers that the determination is consistent with the object of the Act and the interests of consumers in promoting competition. For more information about the ACCC's approach to considering notification waiver applications and to assessing competition effects more generally, see the ACCC's guidance on notification waivers and merger assessment guidelines.

Determination made by Commissioner Woodward pursuant to a delegation under section 25(1) of the Act