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NSW Department of Planning and Environment
23-33 Bridge Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC) to express our support for the development of Energy from Waste (EfW) facilities to service Western Sydney councils.

In 2014, ten councils in Western Sydney came together to develop the *Western Sydney Regional Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy*. This strategy seeks a reduction in waste diverted from landfill across the region, in particular through the following targets:

- Gradually improve the regional resource recovery rate to 58% by 2017 and 70% by 2021.
- Work towards achieving the NSW Waste and Resource Recovery (WARR) Strategy target of 75% diversion of all waste streams (commercial and industrial, construction and demolition and municipal solid waste) by 2021.

Additionally, councils are working to increase their waste diverted from landfill in line with their own council and the NSW Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2014-21. Currently, only 53% of domestic waste is diverted from landfill across the region.

Our councils are at the forefront of waste reduction and recycling efforts at the local level. Some Western Sydney councils are achieving high diversion rates and undertaking numerous waste reduction and processing initiatives in line with preferred resource recovery order detailed in the waste hierarchy. However, councils have indicated they may struggle to reach their resource recovery targets based on existing resource recovery and waste processing options available to them.

Therefore, councils are seeking advances in technology to assist with achievement of increased recycling rates beyond their current ability. The regional waste strategy's action plan seeks to investigate the future needs for waste and recycling infrastructure to process domestic waste from a significantly increasing Western Sydney population. It also pursues investigation of diversion of waste to Energy from Waste facilities should they become available.

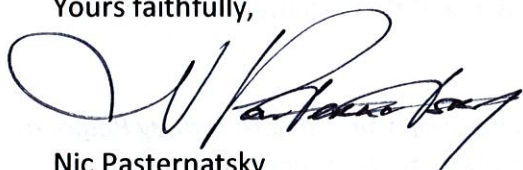
Should any proposed facility be operational before 2021 and process waste residuals from domestic waste streams, councils may have the opportunity to deliver greater diversion of waste. A well designed facility that accepts these residuals has the potential to assist councils

achieve strategy targets; increase resource recovery and keep more waste from being disposed to landfill. The availability of such a facility also helps to address 'recovery of energy' in the waste hierarchy, which has long been a missing gap due to the lack of facilities servicing metropolitan Sydney.

Councils expect any proposed facility to comply with the highest environmental standards, as outlined in the proponent's Environmental Impact Statements to ensure maximum environmental benefit for the residents and employees of Western Sydney. The construction and operation of such a facility will also create additional employment opportunities in the waste industry within Western Sydney.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 9671 4333 extn 104.

Yours faithfully,



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