

**Monday, 2 August, 2010**

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Dear Sir,

**Re: Direct Actions to reduce GHG emission**

Further to our meeting of Friday, 21 May, 2010 and our discussion of your 'direct action' program we now have further information regarding landfill gas collected from our member sites.

You will recall at our meeting I expressed concern that your direct action program, unless a baseline is established that mirrors the current collection performance of the industry, may unfairly impact on those members who have already initiated gas collection.

In order to clarify the current level of gas collection we have surveyed our members' performance for 2008/09.

**Summary of results**

Member responses:	11 from 26 members
Landfills:	28 from 66 sites
Emissions:	48493.72 K tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e
Collection:	2509.33 K tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e

Using these figures the **average** gas collection for the larger ALOA member sites was 51% in 2008/09.

Although these results do not cover all the landfills in Australia they do cover the major metropolitan "putrescible" sites and hence are indicative of the collection performance achieved when gas infrastructure is put in place.

As such, we suggest that before the 'direct action' program is introduced that a collections baseline be established for sites installing infrastructure for the first time. As this 'baseline' will be influenced by the reliability of the emission estimate technique available at the time we further suggest that we meet to discuss its quantum closer to the implementation of the program.

Should you have any queries in respect to this issue please do not hesitate to call me on 0400 880 677.

Yours Sincerely



Max Spedding  
Secretariat