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Mr Max Spedding
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Dear Mr Spedding

I refer to your letter of 5 July 2010 to the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, the Hon Frank Sartor MP, regarding the waste and environment levy. Your letter was referred to the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) for reply.

The waste and environment levy is the NSW Government's key economic instrument for driving resource recovery and waste avoidance. It has been fundamental in restructuring the waste industry and ensuring landfill disposal is no longer the only cost-effective waste management alternative.

The levy works by waste disposal facilities passing on its cost to those who generate waste. The levy in NSW applies equally to all those who dispose of waste, with the intention of driving cleaner production and improved resource recovery. The continuation of the levy ensures that the Government further drive waste avoidance and assist with the establishment of new and improved recycling initiatives, while also providing funding for key environmental programs.

The NSW Government is committed to the continuation of the levy in its present form and to working in partnership with councils and industry to achieve further improvements in waste management and resource recovery practices. It is appreciated that you have taken the time and effort to convey your Association's views on the levy and other waste policy matters.

If you wish to discuss the levy in further detail, Mr Mark Gorta, DECCW's Manager Waste Management Section, can arrange to meet with you and your delegation. Mr Gorta can be contacted on 9995 5740.

Yours sincerely,

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