

**5 March 2010**

The Honourable Justin Madden  
Minister for Planning  
Level 17, 8 Nicholson Street  
East Melbourne 3002

Dear Minister,

**DISCUSSION ON PLANNING ISSUES FACING THE WASTE INDUSTRY**

ALOA is an incorporated entity comprising landfill owners across Australia sharing a concern for the environment and the sustainability of their businesses and is the representative voice of the landfill industry in Australia.

ALOA members operate more than half of the landfill capacity across Australia receiving over 15 million tonnes of solid waste annually. They also provide services in waste disposal, waste treatment and resource recovery and employ over 12,000 people.

We understand that recently you and your staff met with Mr Daniel Fyfe at SITA's Hallam Road Landfill and had an opportunity to see firsthand the issues being faced by landfills and waste facility operators.

The Victorian members of ALOA are actively working towards improving landfill operating standards. However, we are concerned about the ongoing threat to our facilities and other waste processing sites from urban encroachment and poor planning decisions.

As such we request an opportunity to meet with you to discuss consideration of amendments to the Planning Act or regulations to improve the protection of existing waste management facilities from incompatible development (in particular residential development) within prescribed buffers.

I would welcome a telephone call on 0400 880 677 or email [info@aloe.com.au](mailto:info@aloe.com.au) in order that we can move this matter forward.

Yours faithfully,



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ALOA Secretariat

**CC: Mrs Stuart McConnell, EPA  
Daniel Fyfe, Sita**