

Friday, 11 June, 2010

Ms Anastacia Palaszczuk  
Acting Queensland Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability  
GPO Box 2454  
Brisbane QLD 4001

Dear Minister,

**RE: Queensland's Draft Waste Strategy 2010-2020**

We write to request a meeting with you to discuss the draft waste strategy released last Saturday.

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

ALOA has a Queensland Chapter representing several major landfill operators.

In the days since its release we have reviewed the "Waste Avoidance and Recycling Consultation Draft" document and must compliment the Government on its objectives and its focus on improved recycling.

However, it is the proposed design of the waste levy and its collection by landfill operators that we wish to discuss with you urgently.

From our reading of the draft document we understand that landfill operators will be asked to determine the origin of waste as it is received at the landfill and to apply the levy appropriately. With some landfills receiving hundreds of trucks per day - and some of these carrying mixed loads - we are concerned that this will place an unacceptable burden on our members.

Hopefully, we can meet to discuss this and other concerns we have with the operation of the proposed levy in the near future.

I can be contacted through our Melbourne Office on 03 83 99 514 or 0400 880 677.

Yours Sincerely,



Max Spedding  
Secretary  
ALOA