

June 25, 2010

The Hon Julia Gillard MP Prime Minister of Australia Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600 Australia

**Dear Prime Minister** 

## Re: Congratulations from the Australian Landfill Owners Association

On behalf of the Australian Landfill Owners Association (ALOA) I would like to congratulate you on your appointment and wish you every success in your new position.

By way of introduction, ALOA is the national association and representative voice for landfill owners across Australia who share a concern for the environment and business sustainability.

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

We will continue to consult and engage with Government at all levels on the matters impacting our industry and the environment, including:

- 1. Expanded capacity to create renewable energy from landfill gas;
- 2. Reduced landfill gas emitted from landfills by the introduction of uniform regulations across Australia;
- 3. Creation of an international price on carbon.

We are still very much committed to supporting the Government reduce Australian greenhouse gas emissions by 5% by 2020 and commit to contribute to this target by reducing our emissions as soon as practical.

Yours faithfully

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Colin Sweet Chairman Australian Landfill Owners Association

CC: Greg Combet, Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency