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LANDFILL INDUSTRY SAYS PROXY ESTIMATION METHODOLOGY IS EFFECTIVELY “DEAD”

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA – Friday, 5 June 2009: The Australian Landfill Owners Association (ALOA) today criticised the proxy estimation methodology described in Inside Waste’s article of 2 June (“CPRS revision opens door to simpler system”) and have proclaimed that it is effectively “dead”.

ALOA Chairman Colin Sweet, said that, “The Board of ALOA met on 3 June to discuss the methodology as outlined by Mike Ritchie of SITA and we wholeheartedly and unanimously disagree with it. “

ALOA spokesman Max Spedding said, “ALOA supports the Government’s Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) and the use of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting System (NGERS) for the calculation of a landfill’s CPRS liability”.

ALOA also complimented the Waste Management Association of Australia’s National Landfill Division on the work recently finalized with NGERS to refine the determination.

“The National Landfill Division of the WMAA has been working with NGERS for some time to improve the emission estimation methodology and whilst we recognize that further refinement will be required over the next 3 years we are convinced it is the most appropriate way of determining a landfill’s CPRS liability”.

Spedding added, “ALOA is committed to working with both NGERS and the National Landfill Division of the WMAA to achieve the best possible outcomes for the waste sector and consumers”.

The revised NGERS determination is expected to be released at the end of June.

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About ALOA:

The Australian Landfill Owners Association (ALOA) is an incorporated entity representing and advocating on behalf of the interests of the landfill industry.

Members of the Association receive and manage over seventy percent of the total solid waste landfilled in Australia. They also provide services in waste disposal, waste treatment and resource recovery and employ over 12,000 people.

ALOA members operate a vast number of landfills across Australia and receive over 15 million tonnes of solid waste. These landfills employ state of the art technology to minimise any environmental impacts and in some cases capture methane generated by the decomposing waste to produce renewable electricity.