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Waste Policy Taskforce  
Department of the Environment, Waste, Heritage and the Arts  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: Draft National Waste Policy Framework**

We are concerned that the landfills have been disadvantaged by the erroneous statistics at the top of page 17, regarding the tonnages of organic waste landfilled in Australia.

The first two sentences of the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph read:

"In 2006-07 approximately 21 million tones of organic waste per annum (or 51 per cent of total waste disposed) was landfilled. Based on available data, over 64 per cent of municipal waste, 78 per cent of commercial and industrial waste, and 11 per cent of construction and demolition waste to landfill is organic waste."

We believe that the first two sentences of this paragraph should read:


"In 2006-07, approximately 21 million tones of waste (51% of total waste generated) was landfilled. Based on revised NGER Determination June 2009 data, over 66% of municipal waste, 53% of commercial and industrial waste, and 11% of construction and demolition waste is organic material."

Further, we believe that the statement that landfill greenhouse emissions have increased in 2007 compared with 2006 is also incorrect, as significant new landfill gas collection infrastructure has been installed in the past two years.

It is unfortunate that these errors have been reported, as they project landfills in a negative light and do undermine the importance landfills play as part of Australia's long-term integrated waste management infrastructure.

Should you have any queries in respect to this matter please contact me on 0400 880 677 or [info@aloe.com.au](mailto:info@aloe.com.au).

Kind regards



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