

**4 May 2010**

EPHC Ministers  
Level 5  
81 Flinders Street  
Adelaide SA 5000  
Australia

Dear Ministers,

**RE: NATIONAL WASTE POLICY – LESS WASTE, MORE RESOURCES**

I write to you on behalf of the Australian Landfill Owners Association (ALOA) to draw to your attention our support for the introduction of uniform national regulations for the collection of landfill gas across Australia.

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.

As proposed in National Waste Policy – Less Waste, More Resources page 13 - Table 1, Action Item 8 and 9,:

*“State and Territory Governments ensure the safety and health risks arising from landfill gas emissions are managed across all landfills through appropriate regulation and license requirements” and*

*“The Australian Government, in collaboration with state and territory governments, will develop a strategy for measures to address emissions from disposal of waste to landfills and other waste activities, and these support the operation of a future CPRS.”*

ALOA supports these two initiatives as it believes it is important to bring all sites to the current industry ‘best practice’ standard and through this action to reduce emissions as soon as possible.

Further, ALOA is convinced that if uniform regulation (and enforcement) is introduced to the current industry ‘best practice’ standard then:

1. environmental conditions around landfills will be significantly enhanced,
2. landfill gas emissions will be substantially reduced,
3. landfill gas to energy projects will be encouraged.

As such ALOA calls on the EPHC to endorse these initiatives without delay and for all states to introduce national ‘standard’ regulations for landfill gas collection at all landfills generating emissions of over 10,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum.

Yours faithfully,



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