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**ALOA BOARD WELCOMES RETURN TO BASICS ON WASTE STRATEGY**

At Monday's ALOA board meeting in Melbourne the ALOA board complimented the Environment Protection and Heritage Council (EPCH) on the actions outlined in their communiqué of 5 November, 2009.

In particular the board welcomed the simplified aims of the National Waste Policy as it has strongly advocated this approach in its submission to the review.

"A return to a strategy starting with waste reduction and having an emphasis on greenhouse gas reduction and energy generation is where the industry should be focussing in the future" commented board chair Colin Sweet.

The board was also please to note the reference that 'recovery and reuse is undertaken in a safe, scientific and environmentally sound manner' as this should lead to a review of waste strategies across Australia.

"For the past two decades waste strategies in Australia have been developed from a landfill avoidance premise" commented ALOA spokesperson Max Spedding. "The adoption of a lifecycle approach to waste strategy will show that landfill has a place in the waste hierarchy and that in some cases it can be a major contributor to energy generation."

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.

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