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## **Landfill Owners pleased at tabling of CFI Legislation.**

Over the last four months the landfill industry has worked co-operatively with the Department of Climate Change to develop methodologies for the landfill component of the Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI). With the CFI having a proposed start date of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2011, ALOA is pleased that the legislation to introduce the Carbon Farming Initiative was tabled in the Federal Parliament yesterday.

The Chairman of ALOA, Mr Colin Sweet said that "It is important that the Government finalises the CFI legislation as soon as possible to allow immediate participation in the scheme by landfill owners. The landfill industry wants to embrace the CFI in order to produce an environmental benefit at the earliest opportunity and assist the Government to reduce emissions by 5% by 2020."

ALOA recently commissioned an independent consultant, Blue Environment, to evaluate the potential take up of the CFI by Australian landfills. This evaluation modelled landfill gas emissions using data provided from the Waste Management Association of Australia national landfill survey. Using this modelling Blue Environment prepared a sensitivity analysis on a range of carbon credit selling prices to arrive at a possible participation rate for the industry.

Mr Max Spedding, ALOA's spokesperson said, "ALOA is pleased with the information provided by Blue Environment as it confirms that there is potential for further gas collection of over 3 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum and that at the industry anticipated mid range of carbon credit prices we can expect a further 20% reduction of emissions from landfills by 2020."

The Australian Landfill Owners Association (ALOA) is an incorporated entity comprising landfill owners across Australia sharing a concern for the environment and the sustainability of their business and is the representative voice of the landfill industry. ALOA members operate more than 70% of the landfill capacity across Australia receiving more than 15 million tonnes of solid waste annually.

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