

The Hon Greg Combet AM MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change
Canberra

7th April 2009

Dear Sir,

RE: ALOA Meeting Follow Up – 2 April, 2009

On behalf of ALOA, thank you for meeting with myself and Tony Cade (Veolia) last Thursday.

As indicated at the meeting, we are pleased that the Prime Minister has asked you to personally initiate discussions with the waste sector in respect to the CRPS.

Background

ALOA was formed in late 2008 to address landfill owner's concerns that the industry's views were not being well communicated or represented to government on a number of serious issues impacting the industry. ALOA membership is limited to landfills that receive in excess of 50,000 tonnes per annum. Please find a list of our members attached.

A testament to our industry support is demonstrated by the fact that in only four months we have recruited more than 20 members who represent key waste management organisations in Australia. ALOA members receive and manage more than half of the total solid waste generated in Australia.

The Issues

Since its formation, ALOA has made numerous attempts to engage with the Department of Climate Change's Coverage and Reporting departments and some progress has been made to clarify earlier industry positions.

As outlined at our meeting, notwithstanding ALOA's numerous meetings with the Department of Climate Change, there remains a long list of outstanding concerns that require immediate attention, including:

1. Policy

- 1.1. Total removal of the legacy waste liability.
- 1.2. Deferral of the start date of the scheme for the waste sector to at least 2012.
- 1.3. The creation of credits for landfill gas flaring at 'uncovered' landfills.

2. Coverage

- 2.1. Clarification of the end date for legacy waste.
- 2.2. The process for establishing the legacy waste profile.
- 2.3. The process for varying the threshold from 25,000 to 10,000 tonnes CO₂e per annum.

3. Measurement

- 3.1. Adoption of individual waste type 'bio-degradable' factors.
- 3.2. Adoption of 'best practice' industry standard collection efficiency limits for operating and closed landfills.
- 3.3. Adoption of practical waste composition measurement techniques for C&I and C&D wastes.
- 3.4. Understanding the complexity of Method 2.

The Next Steps

ALOA is keen to work through these issues with you and the Department. To this end our board is keen to meet with you as soon as possible to address the main policy issues.

I await to hear from you regarding setting a date and time for this meeting.

Yours sincerely



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Australian Landfill Owners Association

cc. Tony Cade