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Dear Ms D'Ath

CPM Impact on Waste Management and Recycling

Thank you for your generous time given to our meeting with you on 9 May regarding this issue.

As discussed, we would like to work with you to review the application of the Carbon Price Mechanism (CPM) to waste and recycling to facilitate greater certainty for the industry and an incentive for future investment in carbon abatement initiatives in both of these industry sectors.

In the case of the landfill sector, ALOA has reported its concerns with the complexity of the emission modelling and the application of the 25,000 tonne threshold.

In the case of the recycling sector, ACOR is concerned that the CFI does not currently provide any 'credit' or incentive for the diversion of dry recyclables (aluminium, steel, paper, plastics or glass) and its reprocessing.

Such resource recovery of materials with embodied energy achieves significant carbon savings when recycled compared to the use of virgin resources; however there is clear market failure in the absence any priced signal to divert and capture those materials for recycling in the first place.

We would be most grateful if you could have these matters reviewed. Please let us know of the appropriate departmental contact officer with whom we should liaise in providing further assistance.

Yours sincerely

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