

Welcome to the sixth Annual General Meeting of the Australian Landfill Owners Association (ALOA).

I would like to start by providing an outline of the ALOA, what it represents and its areas of activity over the last 12 months.

ALOA was incorporated in December 2008 and has since grown to 36 members and represents over 75% of the landfill industry in Australia.

The primary objective of ALOA is to provide a forum for landfill owners to share their concern for the environment and the future sustainability of their enterprises. ALOA was formed to provide a conduit between the landfill industry and various levels of government and to prevent other members of the waste management industry from speaking on our behalf.

In the last 12 months ALOA has seen a change in the composition of its Board. Terry Martin left the board in December 2013 and Daniel Fyfe in May 2014. Louis Sparks and Phil Carbins joined the Board in December 2013.

Following a call for nominations in October 2014, I am pleased to be able to welcome back the Board Members who have been reappointed for a further two year term:

- Phil Carbins, SITA
- Chris Alexander, Veolia
- Richard Taylor, Ti Tree Bioenergy

On behalf of the Board I would like to welcome Daniel Fyfe from Hanson back to the Board. Daniel has previously served on the ALOA Board and acted as Chair of the Victorian Chapter. We also welcome Gunther Neumann from Remondis to the Board.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sam Bateman on behalf of the Board and ALOA Members for his service to the landfill industry. Sam was elected to the Board in ALOA's inaugural year and has served for six consecutive years (with the last year as a skill based Director). Sam has made a great contribution by providing valuable input to the development of the NGERS methods. Sam has resigned from the Board effective today. On behalf of Members and the Board I would like to thank Sam for his continual service and contribution of his knowledge over the last six years. We wish him well.

In the last 12 months ALOA has presented to both State and Federal governments on numerous issues including (in no particular order):

- The Carbon Tax Repeal
- Developed an ALOA/ALGA Accord
- The Emission Reduction Fund
- Exclusion of the waste industry from any future carbon pricing scheme
- The Carbon Price Mechanism
- Direct Action
- Carbon Abatement
- Default waste and Landfill Methods included in NGER
- Reporting obligations under the Clean Energy Act, including thresholds
- Supplementary Guidelines for estimating an emissions profile at a landfill
- Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) methodology for landfills
- Determination for the combustion of landfill gas from legacy waste
- An offer of assistance to the Clean Energy Regulator regarding the impact of the carbon price
- The impact of non-default waste on carbon liabilities

- Ministerial Waste forum for the Waste Sector

The State Chapters in NSW, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland have been undertaking projects to represent members' views on state based issues. My thanks to the leaders of the State Chapters –Chris Alexander, Simon Jenner, Louis Spark, Sam Bateman, Daniel Fyfe, Phil Carbins and Terry Martin. They have lobbied their respective governments and regulatory bodies on key issues including:

- Levies and levy rebates
- Landfill Levy Policy review
- BPEM for Landfill Amendments
- Recycling rebates
- Road material waste
- Proposed Landfill Guidelines
- Re-use of contaminated soil
- NSW levy review

In the year ahead there is likely to be continued uncertainty around the mechanics of the carbon tax repeal and the introduction of the proposed ALOA/ALGA Accord. We will continue to lobby for favourable outcomes, in terms of environmental, financial and administrative, in relation to the carbon tax repeal, ERF and levies.

I am delighted to confirm the appointment of Max Spedding as the ALOA CEO, effective 1 January 2015.

On behalf of ALOA I would like to thank my fellow Directors – Phil Carbins, Sam Bateman, Tom Wetherill, Louis Sparks, Elisa de Wit, Richard Taylor and Chris Alexander

I would especially like to thank Max Spedding once again for the time and effort he has dedicated as the Spokesman and Secretary for ALOA. He has been ably supported by Nicole who has continued to support our organisation from its inception, and a number of the Directors who have attended various meetings with senior Government officials.

As you all know, I am stepping down from my position as Chair of ALOA. Having been in the role since the inception of our Association it is now time for renewal. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of working with all of the Directors that have supported the Association in this time and I certainly leave with a tinge of sadness, offset by the opportunity to remain as a Director for the coming year. It has been a time of great change in the legislative landscape and I trust in some way that my contribution has been worthwhile. My sincere thanks to the Board Members who have served the past year and I wish the new Board Members every success.

Thank you again.



Colin Sweet, Chairman  
ALOA