

ALOA AGM 2015 - Chairman's Address

Delivered Monday 14 December 2015
Phil Carbins, Chairman



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

ALOA was incorporated in December 2008 and now has 38 members.

Landfills operated by our members accept over 75% of the waste landfilled in Australia last year. Member landfills provide services to the general public, local government, industry, mining and agriculture.

Modern landfills are an essential element in today's integrated waste management infrastructure as landfills:

- Offer cost effective and reliable disposal for general waste and recycling and processing residues;
- Manage greenhouse gas emissions by methane collection and combustion;
- Provide a source of continuous renewable energy;
- Have the flexibility to accept variable waste types and volumes, including hazardous wastes; and
- Are reliable should the need arise for the acceptance of large volumes of 'disaster' waste.

In the last 12 months ALOA has seen a change in the composition of its Board. Ben Sawley resigned from the board in July 2014 and Sam Bateman in December 2014. Tom Wetherill joined the Board in August 2014 and Daniel Fyfe and Gunther Neumann were elected in December 2014.

Following a call for nominations in October 2015, I am pleased to announce that Louis Sparks from Cleanway Waste Management has been reappointed for a further two-year term:

During the year ALOA has made representations to the Federal government on numerous national issues including:

- Carbon revenue and the Waste Industry Protocol (in conjunction with Australian Local Government Association)
- Safeguard Mechanism
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Scheme
- Emissions Reduction Fund Methodologies
- Landfill bans, including E-Waste, and
- Environmental legislation.

I am pleased to be able to report that as a result of our extensive and ongoing efforts during the year, the Federal Government supported the Waste Industry Protocol and ALOA's position on the refund of carbon revenue received during 2012 to 2014 to direct council customers and the investment in carbon abatement projects. The Waste Industry Protocol was released in August.

The State Chapters in NSW, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland have undertaken projects to represent members' views on state based issues. My thanks to the leaders of the State Chapters – Chris Alexander, Eric Le Provost, Simon Jenner, Louis Sparks and Daniel Fyfe.

State Chapters have engaged with their respective governments and regulatory bodies on key issues including:

- Levies and levy rebates
- Regulatory frameworks
- Waste Policy
- Waste Reform
- Landfill bans, including E-waste
- Landfill guidelines
- Risk based licensing
- State infrastructure plans
- Asbestos waste management

I am also pleased to confirm the re-appointment of Max Spedding as our CEO for a further twelve months.

On behalf of all ALOA members I would like to thank my fellow Directors who have served ALOA during the 2014/15 financial year:

Ben Sawley	Chris Alexander	Colin Sweet	Daniel Fyfe
Elisa De Wit	Gunther Nueman	Louis Sparks	Richard Taylor
Sam Bateman	Tom Wetherill		

And finally I would like to thank Colin Sweet for his support of, and contribution to ALOA since its inception, as his term as director in the role of immediate past Chair concludes today.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to chair ALOA over the last year, the challenges that we have collectively encountered and I look forward to the continued success of ALOA.

Thank you

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