

Tuesday 12 July 2016

Mr Ian Hunter MLC Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation GPO Box 1047 ADELAID SA 5001 Ian.Hunter@parliament.sa.gov.au

Dear Minister

## Re: Recent announcement to increase the Adelaide Landfill Levy

The Australian Landfill Owners Association (ALOA) is an incorporated entity comprising landfill owners across Australia who share concern for the future viability of their business and protection of the environment.

ALOA members operate a vast number of landfills across Australia and receive over 15 million tonnes of solid waste. These landfills employ state of the art technology to minimise any environmental impacts and generally capture methane generated by the decomposing waste to produce renewable electricity.

ALOA is supportive of the use of landfill levies to underpin clearly articulated resource recovery strategies - see attached Waste Levy position developed in 2010.

The recent announcement of levy changes by Treasurer Konstantinos is of a concern to our four Adelaide members. As a result, I write to you seeking an opportunity to discuss:

- 1. The timing of future announcements;
- 2. Arrangements to recover levy monies from clients going into liquidation; and
- 3. The overall cost of administering levy collection.

This third point – especially when the levy reaches \$100 per tonne – is a growing issue for our industry.

Hopefully we can meet as soon as practical in order that a fair approach to the bad debt issue can be discussed.

Yours sincerely

Max Spedding

Chief Executive Officer

**ALOA** 

Attached: ALOA Waste Levy position paper

E info@aloa.com.au W www.aloa.com.au