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Dear Mr Spedding, Mr Khoury and Mr Sweet

Thank you for your letter about the *New minimum standards for managing construction and demolition waste in NSW* and the industry round table discussion in my office in September 2017. Your correspondence has been referred to me and I have been asked to respond on her behalf.

The proposed legislative changes will improve the quality and quantity of waste recovered and returned in NSW so it can be treated efficiently in the most environmentally responsible manner.

Public consultation on the proposed minimum standards was open until 12 December 2017. It is now being updated by the EPA.

As you are aware the issue of interstate waste transport has arisen due to the disparity in disposal costs between jurisdictions. This is a national issue and the NSW Government is working with other jurisdictions on a national solution. However, the matter could be significantly ameliorated by the imposition of a waste levy in Queensland.

If you have any further questions about this matter, please contact Mr Henry Moore, Manager Waste Strategy and Innovation, Environment Protection Authority, on 9995 5734 or at henry.moore@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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