

17 May 2019

Dr Cathy Wilkinson
Chief Executive Officer
EPA Victoria
Level 3, 200 Victoria Street
Carlton Victoria 3053

Dear Dr Wilkinson,

RE: Australian Landfill Owners Association Meeting follow up

On behalf of Daniel Fyfe and myself, thank you for taking the time to meet with us on Thursday 16 May and for inviting Mr Tim Eaton to attend, as his input was most interesting.

In relation to leachate containing PFAS, we note your comments that you have no concern with the current levels of PFAS in landfill leachate and that water treatment plants will not be directed by EPA Victoria to refuse to accept such leachate; and secondly, that if there is any significant change to this situation EPA Victoria will continue to liaise with industry, as it is doing now, to achieve a satisfactory outcome.

One such outcome is to allow industry the necessary timeframe to upgrade their treatment and processing capability to avoid landfills having no outlet for their PFAS contaminated leachate. If this were to occur, that is, landfills had no on-site treatment capacity and no treatment plant willing to accept PFAS contaminated leachate, the landfill industry would come to an unambiguous halt.

We also wish to confirm our support of the Landfill Compliance Code and note our interest in assisting, where possible, to finalise it as soon as possible.

Thank you again for meeting with us and we look forward to further discussions with you to achieve improved environmental outcomes.

Yours sincerely



Colin Sweet
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