

24 March 2020

Hon Mick Gentleman  
Minister for the Environment and Heritage, ACT  
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Dear Minister Gentleman

**RE: URGENT - LANDFILL INDUSTRY TO BE INCLUDED AS ESSENTIAL TRAVEL**

The members of the Australian Landfill Owners Association (ALOA) responsibly manage the majority of the waste disposed of in Australia. We pride ourselves on high levels of engineering and compliance. We have been active for over 12 years and exist to specifically provides feedback on behalf of our industry to governments on legislation and regulations.

**Definition of Essential Travel**

In relation to measures being legislated by the Government to reduce the spread of COVID-19, in relation to the definition of "essential travel", ALOA suggests in the strongest possible terms that any travel associated with the waste management industry should be considered as essential.

ALOA advises that the required travel to be included under this definition is:

- truck movements from treatment facilities to and from landfill;
- truck movements from commercial premises to and from landfill;
- staff movements related to landfill and waste management operations;
- support industries movement to and from landfills; and
- movement of landfill related employees to and from their workplaces.

Please let me know if we can be of any further assistance or if you require further information. I can be contacted on 0409 290 209.

Yours sincerely



**Colin Sweet**  
**CEO ALOA**

CC:

Hon Sussan Ley, Minister for the Environment  
Hon Lilly D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, Victoria  
Hon Matthew Kean, Minister for Energy and Environment, NSW  
Hon Stephen Dawson, Minister for Environment, WA  
Hon Leeanne Enock, Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Queensland  
Hon Eva Lawler, Minister for Environment and Natural Resources, NT  
Hon Dave Speirs, Minister for Environment and Water, SA  
Hon Roger Jaensch, Minister for Environment Parks, Tasmania