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The Hon. Sussan Ley
Minister for the Environment
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Dear Minister

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



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CEO ALOA

CC:

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 Mick Gentleman, Minister for the Environment and Heritage, ACT
Hon Roger Jaensch, Minister for Environment Parks, Tasmania