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Dear Mr Sweet

Thank you for your letter about the proposed Landfill Community Fund. I appreciate you bringing your proposal to my attention.

I am pleased to advise the NSW Government already invests about 33 per cent of the proceeds of the waste levy back into funding for waste and environment programs. These programs include land management and biodiversity conservation actions, conservation planning, compliance and regulation, water quality monitoring initiatives and coastal conservation programs, and funding for the Biodiversity Conservation Trust.

Additionally, through the *Waste Less, Recycle More* initiative, the Government has invested \$802 million for business recycling, organics collections, market development, managing problem wastes, new waste and recycling infrastructure, local councils and programs to tackle illegal dumping and litter. It is the largest waste and recycling funding program in Australia. Recently, the Government announced an extension to the initiative for the 2021–22 financial year – ahead of the implementation of the 20-year Waste Strategy.

The 20-year Waste Strategy is near completion and I welcome the input provided by your organisation as the strategy has been developed.

If you have any more questions about this issue, please contact Sara-Rose Pogson, Manager, Circular Economy Markets, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on 9995 5377 or at Sara-Rose.Pogson@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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