



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 6 – PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **INQUIRY INTO ‘ENERGY FROM WASTE’ TECHNOLOGY**

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An Upper House committee has launched an inquiry into ‘energy from waste’ technology.

The Hon Paul Green, Chair of the Committee said: ‘This inquiry will examine the waste disposal industry in New South Wales including relevant legislative and policy provisions, the impact of waste levies and the capacity of the industry to meet future demand. We are also interested in identifying and managing any risk of monopolisation in waste disposal markets’.

‘The committee is exploring the role of ‘energy from waste’ technology in addressing the state’s waste disposal needs and expects to consider the recent proposal for an ‘energy from waste’ facility in Eastern Creek. We are keen to hear about the regulatory processes used to manage ‘energy from waste’ facilities in other jurisdictions and opportunities to incorporate and promote cutting edge technology in this field’ stated Mr Green.

The committee is also considering opportunities to encourage a ‘circular economy’ within the industry, which has the potential to reduce waste, drive resource productivity and assist in reducing the environmental impacts of production and consumption.

Stakeholders are invited to make a submission to the inquiry by Sunday, 28 May 2017.

The committee intends to hold public hearings in Sydney, Western Sydney, the Shoalhaven and Coffs Harbour from mid-2017. The committee is due to report by the end of the year.

More information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, can be found on our website:  
[www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/energyfromwaste](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/energyfromwaste).

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