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Cc: Garth Lamb; Ron Wainberg
Subject: RE: Inquiry into 'energy from waste' technology - Transcript and questions on notice - 26 June 2017 - Waste Management Association of Australia

Thank you for the opportunity to present and respond to the questions on notice, please be advised as follows-

Response To Questions on Notice (WMAA)

QON 1: South Australia's green industries have actually just launched their circular economy benefits for South Australia. They are actually gearing their whole economy up to look at how they could bed circular economy in what they do by recycling and remaking product. The CHAIR: Are you able to forward that document to us? Ms SLOAN: Yes. I can send you a link to that.

Response: <http://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/circular-economy>

QON2: Dr MEHREEN FARUQI: In your submission and in the evidence you have given this morning, you talked about European countries that have combustion of waste-to-energy facilities. Is it right to say that most of those countries have also put in much more work and have much better policies in achieving the higher order objectives of the waste hierarchy in terms of waste avoidance, reuse and extended producer responsibility? In fact, they produce a lot less waste than we do in New South Wales per capita.

Response: WMAA believes that the NSW EPA has done much to implement the waste hierarchy in NSW, including encouraging reuse and avoidance and the implementation of extended producer responsibility, for example we have a major policy in this area commencing shortly with the introduction of Container Deposit Scheme in NSW. Lots of factors have an influence on waste generation, for example affluence, and as such it is submitted that it would not be correct to state European countries with EfW produce less waste per capita solely because their policies are better.

There are no proposed changes to the Transcript.

Kind Regards

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