



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 6 – PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **CALL FOR FURTHER SUBMISSIONS – 'ENERGY FROM WASTE' INQUIRY**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
11 AUGUST 2017**

Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Planning and Environment will examine illegal dumping and other undesirable practices in the New South Wales waste industry as part of the inquiry into energy from waste.

The Hon Paul Green, Chair of the Committee said: 'Following recent media reports the committee's terms of reference have been expanded to specifically explore a number of troubling practices including the transportation of waste outside of New South Wales. Transporting waste outside of the state may have significant ramifications for government revenue and environment programs, employment, roads and transport routes, and the environment.'

Mr Green continued: 'We are also considering the prevalence and scale of illegal dumping across New South Wales. Illegal dumping is an insidious practice and the committee is interested in examining the actions undertaken by the NSW Environment Protection Authority to address this situation.'

In addition, the committee will examine the sustainability of the current waste and landfill regime in New South Wales and the impact of these systems on human and environmental health including drinking water, soil contamination, fire hazards and emissions.'

The committee is inviting further submissions to the inquiry that specifically address the additional terms of reference. The closing date for submissions is Sunday, 10 September 2017.

The committee is due to report by the end of the 2017.

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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