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**Parliamentary Inquiry into 'Energy from Waste' Technology
Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Planning and Environment**

Dear Ms Mihaljek,

I refer to your email correspondence dated 5 October 2017, requesting a response to a further supplementary question on notice for the Parliamentary Inquiry into 'energy from waste' technology. The Department of Planning and Environment's response is provided in **Attachment A** to this letter.

Thank you for the extension of time to provide this information to the Committee.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact Chris Ritchie, Director, Industry Assessments,

Yours sincerely

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ATTACHMENT A

Parliamentary Inquiry into 'Energy from Waste' Technology

**Response to Further Supplementary Question on Notice to Anthea Sargeant
representing the Department of Planning and Environment**

1. Please provide an update on the planning application for The Next Generation energy from waste facility at Eastern Creek.

An Amended Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed energy from waste facility was publicly exhibited from 9 December 2016 to 1 March 2017. The Amended EIS sought approval for an energy from waste facility with a capacity to burn up to 1.105 million tonnes per annum (tpa) of residual waste fuel in two stages.

On 30 March 2017, the Department of Planning and Environment asked The Next Generation (the Applicant) to provide a response to the issues raised in submissions and the technical reviews undertaken by the Department's independent experts, ARUP Pty Ltd and EnRisks.

On 29 September 2017, the Applicant lodged a Response to Submissions (RTS) report with the Department seeking approval for only Stage 1 of the development to treat a maximum of 552,500 tpa of residual waste fuel and requesting the Minister's agreement to amend the development application under clause 55 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

The Department is currently reviewing the RTS report, including the supporting technical appendices, in consultation with the Environment Protection Authority and its independent experts, ARUP Pty Ltd and EnRisks, and is considering the Applicant's request to amend the development application.

If the Department accepts the RTS report as an amended application, it will refer the report to key government authorities and the independent experts for a detailed merit assessment and final comment. The documentation will also be made publicly available on the Department's major projects website. The Department will then finalise its assessment and make a recommendation to the independent Planning Assessment Commission. The Commission will make a final decision on the proposal.