

**Supplementary
Submission
No 145a**

INQUIRY INTO 'ENERGY FROM WASTE' TECHNOLOGY

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Recycling & Recovery

Portfolio Committee NO. 6 – Planning & Environment
Parliament of New South Wales
6 Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Committee Chair & Members

RE: Inquiry into energy from waste technology – extended terms of reference

This submission is an extension of the prior SUEZ submission relating to the original terms of reference for the Inquiry into Energy from Waste technology.

SUEZ welcomes the opportunity to respond directly to the extended terms of reference, particularly focusing on: *i) the transport of all classifications of waste and recyclable materials out of New South Wales and the consequences for waste disposal, government revenue and environment programs, employment, roads and transport routes, and the environment.*

SUEZ is absolutely opposed to the unnecessary interstate transportation of waste. We are committed to managing our customers' waste reliably and responsibly and SUEZ does not transport waste interstate for disposal in landfills.

SUEZ believes that local communities should firstly reuse or recycle and only where necessary dispose of the waste they produce within a local proximity. SUEZ promotes the local management of waste and believes that its treatment and disposal should take place at the closest possible location to its origin unless it is being disposed of at a facility with better environmental performance standards.

The transportation of waste over long distances increases the carbon footprint of waste disposal and undermines the role of the waste levy in New South Wales. With estimates of 650,000 of waste being transported to Queensland by either road, rail or sea, the New South Wales Government is currently forfeiting close to \$90,000,000 of waste levy revenue per year.

The movement of waste has an impact on waste levy revenues and planned initiatives such as *Waste Less, Recycle More*, which is designed to support waste and recycling services to the community and ensure a clean environment in New South Wales. Existing recycling, resource recovery and landfill infrastructure in New South Wales is also being undermined whilst at the same time saturating the waste infrastructure in Queensland.

The carbon footprint of waste disposal from the extra diesel trucks travelling up to Queensland means more heavy goods vehicles on already congested and dangerous major highways every day, putting added pressure on the transport channel between the two states.

SUEZ appreciates the opportunity to highlight this important matter as part of the Committee's expanded terms of reference. Should you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me or Luke Schepen, Corporate Affairs Manager, SUEZ

Yours sincerely,

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