



Waste Authority

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE WASTE AUTHORITY MEETING

held on Wednesday 3 February 2010
Department of Environment and Conservation
11.20 am – 5.05 pm

Meeting No. 01/2010

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES & INTRODUCTIONS

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr Barry Carbon	Chairman
Ms Jan Grimoldby	Deputy Chair
Ms Carolyn Jakobsen	
Prof. Paul Hardisty	
Mr Marcus Geisler	
Mr Alan Sands	A/Deputy Director General . Environment, DEC (A/Delegate for Director General, DEC)

ATTENDEES

Mr Bernard Ryan	A/Manager, Waste Management Branch, DEC	
Dr Jill Lethlean	Manager, Programs, DEC	
Mr Tony Beeson	Manager, WARR Account, DEC	
Ms Diane McKinnon	Executive Officer, Waste Authority	Minutes/Actions
Ms Leanne Reid	Senior Project Officer, Strategic Policy	For item 7.1
Ms Germaine Healy	Senior Project Officer, Strategic Policy	For item 7.2

APOLOGIES

Mr Robert Atkins	Deputy Director General, DEC (Delegate for Director General, DEC) (on leave)
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Members had an *'in camera'* discussion regarding positions for the Office of the Waste Authority at 11.00am. Staff were not present during this discussion.

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.20am and welcomed members and staff to the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Marcus Geisler . In relation to correspondence received from the Waste Management Association of Australia (WA Branch) at item 8.2, regarding its strategic partnership projects and letter regarding landfill levy increases, Mr Geisler advised that he is appointed to the position of Treasurer for the Waste Management Association (WA Branch). Mr Geisler acknowledged that he has a standing conflict of interest for voting on financial matters relating to the Waste Management Association of Australia (WA Branch).

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Meeting with Forum of Regional Councils (FORC). The Chairman advised that he met with members of FORC at its meeting in December. He informed members that the incoming Chairman of FORC is Councillor Ron Norris (Chairman, Western Metropolitan Regional Council) and the new Chair of the FORC CEO group is Mr Alex Sheridan (Rivers Regional Council).

The Chairman advised members of the items he raised during his meeting with FORC, including EPA advice on the prospect of receiving proposals (strategic assessments) from local government and industry on alternative waste treatments. The Chairman informed members that he had advised FORC that the Authority would be prepared to help facilitate the process, with FORC presenting the information to the EPA (possibly with the inclusion of industry representatives).

The Chairman also informed FORC that the Authority would consider providing assistance to the group should it be interested in running an industry assistance program. Due to the new membership of FORC, the Chairman acknowledged that this matter would be placed on the upcoming agendas of FORC over the next few months to understand all issues associated with running the program.

The Chairman advised members that his meeting with FORC also included a site visit of the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council's new compost turner at the waste composting facility, which was partly funded through a SWIS grant.

The Chairman advised that the new machinery improves odour management due to modern technologies of turning and airing the compost, which greatly improves efficiency.

Meeting with Mayor and CEO of City of Canning. The Chairman informed members of his meeting with the Mayor and CEO of the City of Canning. He advised that the City outlined its reasons for terminating its dealings with the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council. He advised that the City of Canning intends to open a new site in Bannister Road for the separation of waste, and an expression of interest has recently been called to undertake this service. However, in the meantime, the Chairman informed that the Council is diverting waste to landfill.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

3.1 The Authority noted the outcome of the Chairman's meeting with the Forum of Regional Councils and the City of Canning.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

4.1 The minutes of the Waste Authority meeting number 16/2009 held on 2 December 2009 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting, subject to minor amendments.

Moved: Ms Grimoldby
Seconded: Ms Jakobsen
CARRIED

5. REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Authority reviewed the actions from previous meetings. The status of actions listed were acknowledged and noted by members. Updates on some items were discussed at agenda items tabled during the meeting.

6. OUT OF SESSION ITEMS

Nil.

7. DISCUSSION / DECISION ITEMS

7.1 Draft Waste Strategy

The Authority met with CSG Consulting on 14 January 2010 to discuss the Draft Waste Strategy and identify key actions to progress it further. Members received a copy of the notes from this meeting. Members and staff were allocated various sections of the draft Strategy to review and provide a revised document reflecting recommendations contained within the submissions analysis document. A revised document reflecting edits made by members was tabled at the meeting for the consideration of members.

The Authority acknowledged the quality of the effort from CSG Consulting in providing both the submissions analysis document and the revised document based on requests made by members at the January meeting.

The Authority discussed all sections of the draft Strategy document and the proposed changes recommended by reviewing members for each section. Most proposed changes to the document were agreed to by members during the meeting, where an electronic version of the document was updated on screen. The major changes made to the document included the following:

- Two new sections were added to the front of the document, the first providing an overview of the public response to the draft Strategy, the second detailing priority actions for the Waste Strategy.
- Members agreed to include within the *'Introduction to the Strategy and why we need it'* section (following the *'funding the Strategy'* sub-heading), a sub-section entitled *'overarching strategic objectives.'*
- Members agreed that all commitments would have clear actions outlined to ensure delivery.

- Members agreed to re-word the aim as follows: *‘to move Western Australia to best practice in waste management by 2022 and drive a decade of significant improvement in the management of waste in Western Australia. Improvement will be achieved if the commitment and targets of this Strategy are substantially met.’*
- Members discussed the ‘Waste in Western Australia’ section. The proposed section provided an overview of waste data and trends (past and future), current infrastructure and waste management responsibilities. An amended version of the waste data section was included in the modified draft and additional data information is provided as an appendix.
- Members discussed a graph demonstrating total waste tonnes and linking this with waste targets. Based on major waste streams and business as currently predicted, members discussed the establishment of targets from this data.
- Members discussed the difficulty in measuring waste avoidance. Members considered that targets based on reducing waste generated on a per capita basis were questionable. Members noted that during the consultation period on the draft strategy, no workable or measurable target for waste avoidance was proposed. The Authority agreed that the target be in line with *...‘the Authority will aim to limit the quantity of waste generated per capita over the life of the strategy at or below the 2006/07 rate.’*
- In relation to product stewardship, the Authority agreed to develop product stewardship for a minimum of two priority products. In relation to proposed additions to problem/bulk wastes, Professor Hardisty agreed to re-word this section.
- In relation to the resource recovery section, members agreed to include the majority of strategies proposed, with minor edits required. The Authority agreed that the Deputy Chair and staff would re-order approved strategies and actions within this section.
- Members noted that further input from Mr Geisler and staff was required to complete the disposal section.
- Members agreed to re-word the section dealing with the landfill levy and social, environmental, economic costs associated with the levy, including future increases being hypothecated.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

The Authority:

- 7.1.1 Discussed the revised draft Waste Strategy during the meeting and agreed on the majority of proposed amendments recommended.**
- 7.1.2 Noted that the modified Waste Strategy (based on the discussion during the meeting) would be finalised as soon as possible.**
- 7.1.3 Agreed that the Deputy Chair would finalise the modified document in coordination with staff and other members where required.**
- 7.1.4 Agreed that the modified Waste Strategy (once completed), would be publicly released as soon as possible (within the next 2-3 weeks) for a further 28 day comment period. Members noted that the comment period would likely be for the full month of March 2010.**
- 7.1.5 Acknowledged the work undertaken to develop a draft Business Plan alongside the changing Strategy document and agreed with the approach outlined during the meeting.**

7.1.6 Noted the quality of the effort from CSG Consulting in providing both the submissions analysis document and the revised document based on requests made by members at the January Strategy meeting.

7.2 Options for Progressing E-Waste

Staff informed the Authority of the current position on the proposed establishment of a collection and recycling scheme for end of life IT equipment in WA in early 2010. Staff advised that uncertainty in the IT industry exists at this time, requiring a review about how best to proceed on the development of a collection and recycling scheme in WA prior to the implementation of a National scheme for computers.

Members acknowledged the urgent need to progress the matter with the AIIA. The Authority agreed that if the situation had not satisfactorily progressed within the next two weeks, following the receipt of further information from the AIIA, the Authority would need to look into exploring other options to ensure e-waste collection and recycling in WA. The Authority agreed to discuss this matter further at its March meeting.

Staff advised the Authority of options available to the Government to proceed with an e-waste recycling scheme in early 2010 as an interim measure that would cease at the commencement of the National Product Stewardship Scheme for Televisions and Computers (hoped to roll out in 2011 at the earliest).

Staff also informed members of the E-waste Recyclers Accreditation Program. The disparity in standards of operations between electronics recyclers in WA has been highlighted as part of recent discussions with the AIIA and major manufacturing brands. It is believed that an E-waste Recyclers Accreditation Program would help facilitate e-waste facilities in WA to achieve a uniform standard in environmental and occupational health and safety practices in advance of the roll out of a National scheme for computers.

Members acknowledged that as part of the National scheme, ISO14001 accreditation will be required and that only one facility in WA is currently accredited. The Authority agreed to not consider the accreditation program at this time.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

The Authority:

- 7.2.1 Agreed to review the situation with the AIIA in two weeks time, pending the receipt of further information.**
- 7.2.2 Agreed to discuss the matter further at the March meeting, should information not be forthcoming from the AIIA.**
- 7.2.3 Noted the information provided on the E-waste Recyclers Accreditation Program and agreed to discuss this program at a future meeting.**

7.3 Revised Financial Report – First Quarter 2009/10 & Financial Review for the period ended 31 December 2009

Staff presented a revised Financial Review for the first quarter of 2009/10 and informed members of the levels of expenditure and revenue for the WARR Account for the second quarter of the financial year.

Members noted that the combined expenditure for the quarter ending December 2009 is lower than expected due to inactivity of big budgeted projects. Staff informed of two notable expenditure items

in this period. One of them was for Colmax Glass (\$1.56m) for the new glass processing facility. A payment of \$1.4m was also made to WALGA for the Household Hazardous Waste Program.

In relation to expenditure for the Major Initiatives Program area, the Authority requested that a footnote be included within the Financial Report to explain the apparent discrepancy in monies spent (as a consequence of both the WARR Account and the National Packaging Covenant Council contributing monies to the project area). This is presently shown as Miscellaneous Revenue (NPC) in the revenue section of the report.

The Authority also requested that future financial reports show a proposed budget for expected income.

Members discussed the re-allocation of monies for the household hazardous waste program, whereby monies had been set aside to assist in funding non-metropolitan waste storage infrastructure. Staff informed that five regional councils had been contacted to confirm their interest in taking up the offer (which closed at the end of 2009). Staff informed that the Shire of Toodyay has come forward seeking assistance for infrastructure that has already been put in place. The Authority advised that this will need to be accommodated within the budget and asked that full details be provided for legitimate household hazardous waste infrastructure. The Authority requested staff to confirm costs associated with infrastructure for the Shire of Toodyay.

Staff informed of the Fourth Quarter Landfill Levy returns. The putrescible percentage made up 85% of levy received (385,000 tonnes, up 19,000 tonnes on the previous quarter) and 15% inert (175,000m³, up 44,000m³ on the previous quarter). The total levy received for the quarter was \$3,314,104 (up \$255,000 on the previous quarter). Staff informed that in the 12 months ending June 2009, levy revenue was declining. Levy revenue has increased in both quarters since then.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

The Authority:

- 7.3.1 Adopted the Revised Financial Report for the First Quarter 2009/10 and the Financial Report for the period ended 31 December 2009.**
- 7.3.2 Requested modifications be made to future Financial Reports as discussed during the meeting.**
- 7.3.3 Requested staff to confirm costs associated with household hazardous waste infrastructure for the Shire of Toodyay.**
- 7.3.4 Noted the Fourth Quarter Landfill Levy returns.**

8. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

8.1 Strategic Waste Initiatives Scheme & Community Grants Scheme – Final Reports / Terminations

The Authority noted final reports received for completed projects and terminated projects as detailed below:

Final Reports Received for Completed Project:

- **Lions Club of Margaret River – Diversion of E-waste and broken furniture from Landfill (CGS 2008, \$17,400 plus GST).** The project provided for a new work shed for the repair and testing of electrical appliances and computer hardware, and the repair of broken furniture. The new facility allows volunteers in the future to be able to repair goods that were often discarded

in the past, due to weather damage, and continue to provide goods to the public on garage sale days in a clean, safe shed.

- **City of Rockingham – Composting at Home (SWIS 2008, \$53,000 plus GST).** The grant provided for a trial within the City of Rockingham to gauge interest in the introduction of an organic composting bin to every household in the City with the aim of further reducing the amount of waste to landfill. A small trial of 10 bins proved to be very successful and encouraging. However, the cost of a full scale introduction of the bins would be \$2.6m therefore a more extensive trial would be needed before any undertaking could be justified.

Feedback from the trial indicated that a weekly recycling bin collection was a preferred option, and a key finding from the audit was that the introduction of the organics bin resulted in approximately 50% of the MSW stream moving into the organic stream.

- **Mount Hawthorn Primary School P&C Association – Waste Wise Community Fair (CGS 2009, \$6,665 no GST).** The project allowed for a Waste Wise Fair Day to raise community awareness on how to reduce our carbon footprint. The event provided support, encouragement and information to all that attended on how to use everyday resources more efficiently and how to reduce our everyday environmental impact. The Fair had a high attendance, with over 3,000 people attending. Living the Message was on display throughout the grounds, including the organic garden, recycling bins, the composting area and in the advertising and signage for the event.

- **Gascoyne Development Commission – Feasibility of the Adoption of Sustainable Waste Management Practices (SWIS 2005, \$55,000 plus GST).** The Gascoyne Development Commission on behalf of the Gascoyne Region member Councils initiated the project and appointed Bowman & Associates to conduct a feasibility study to review the current operations of the four main landfills in the region and make recommendations for improving resource recovery and introducing greenwaste processing. The Gascoyne Region consists of the Shire of Carnarvon, Shark Bay, Exmouth and Upper Gascoyne with the four main landfills in the region being Brown Range, Coral Bay, Exmouth and Denham.

From the review of the current operations at all four landfill sites it has been identified that there is a need for waste reduction activities. Recommendations and initiatives which have been made for the consideration of the Gascoyne Development Commission include:

- Restructure of the layout of waste drop off facilities is required, with resource recovery areas being well sign posted, clean, presentable and manned during times that the facility is open.
- Improving site signage and repositioning site buildings closer to the resource recovery area.
- Community education and engagement to promote resource recovery, reduce contamination to greenwaste and identify the views of the public about waste management.
- Develop designated burning areas on landfills that are able to burn greenwaste in accordance with DEC Regulations.
- Develop operational procedures that explain how greenwaste can be burnt in compliance with DEC Regulations.
- Further investigation into the potential to locate a Refuse Derived Fuel powered energy plant on the Brown Range landfill site for the re-use of wastes.
- Further investigation into the establishment of a composting facility on the Brown Range landfill site for greenwaste recovery.
- Establishment of power to landfill sites to assist in site development opportunities.

- Restrict scavenging to controlled areas within the resource recovery area.
- Investigate the opportunities for litter control by purchasing equipment from companies such as litter critter.
- **Rainbow Coast Neighbourhood Centre Inc – Living Smart in your Neighbourhood (CGS 2009, \$6,000 plus GST).** The grant enabled the Rainbow Coast Neighbourhood Centre to demonstrate and assist community members to explore aspects of waste prevention and waste management through facilitated outdoor workshops in the community garden. Two facilitators delivered a program of six 2 hour wipe out waste workshops. The grant also enabled the installation of permanent illustrative information signage.
- **YMCA Perth - Carbon Neutral Project (CGS 2008, \$5,000 plus GST).** The project aimed to raise recycling awareness among employees, parents and children at 32 child care centres run by the YMCA Perth. The YMCA undertook waste audits to promote a change of attitude among staff and clients through the implementation of targeted recycling programs. Many centres explored the opportunity of worm farms and paper making kits and offered hands on learning experiences for the children. The project was considered a success as a number of other measures came from it, including:
 - Family and Children Services created the Environmental Protection Policy for Long Day Care services.
 - Received a good response from the OSHC supervisors by increasing the level of Environmental Sustainability awareness and culture using the Community Grants Scheme project through publishing the project in child care newsletters.
 - Children were enthusiastic to learn about the ecology of worms.
 - Child Care centres imbedded worm farm practices into their daily routines.
 - Making recycled paper out of scrap paper gave the children an opportunity to learn the process of paper making, the sentiment of hand-made paper and the reduced impacts on the environment.

RESOLUTIONS OF DISCUSSION:

The Authority:

8.1.1 Noted the final evaluation project reports received for completed projects from the following organisations:

- **Lions Club of Margaret River – Diversion of E-waste and broken furniture from Landfill (CGS 2008);**
- **City of Rockingham – Composting at Home (SWIS 2008);**
- **Mount Hawthorn Primary P&C Association – Waste Wise Community Fair (CGS 2009);**
- **Gascoyne Development Commission – Feasibility of the Adoption of Sustainable Waste Management Practices (SWIS 2005);**
- **Rainbow Coast Neighbourhood Centre Inc – Living Smart in Your Neighbourhood (CGS 2009); and**
- **YMCA Perth – Carbon Neutral Project (CGS 2008).**

8.2 Correspondence – Waste Authority/Ministerial

The Authority noted the list of incoming and outgoing correspondence outlined in the briefing and discussed some items of correspondence provided at the meeting.

The Chairman advised members of correspondence he had received from Eclipse Resources in relation to uncollected levies reported in the Waste Authority's Annual Report 2008/09 and various minutes of meetings. The letter included a copy of a report that Eclipse Resources had commissioned entitled '*Reforming the Waste Levy and the Waste Industry*' dated October 2009.

The Authority discussed the letter and the report. The Chairman expressed his personal views on the report and advised that a briefing with the author of the report could be organised if members were interested. The Authority discussed the distribution of the report and queried whether groups such as WALGA and the Waste Management Association of Australia (WA Branch) had received a copy of it. The Authority requested staff to determine this. If it is determined that the report was not circulated to these groups, the Authority agreed to seek the permission of Eclipse Resources to release it to them to obtain their views on the report.

Members noted the progress of projects undertaken by the Waste Management Association of Australia (WA Branch) as part of its strategic partnership arrangement with the Authority. Mr Geisler had previously declared a conflict of interest with the Waste Management Association of Australia (WA Branch). Current projects within the status report included the following: Alternative Waste Treatment Guidelines document, a review of landfill licensing in WA, a Commercial and Industrial Recycling Guide and a Review of Standing Committee Recommendations.

While it was noted that the Waste Management Association had offered to provide monthly reports to the Authority, members agreed that quarterly updates, consistent with the reporting requirements of other strategic partnership arrangements, would be sufficient.

A late item of correspondence received from the Waste Management Association of Australia (WA Branch) regarding landfill levy increases was also tabled at the meeting. The letter, addressed to the Minister for the Environment, had been copied to the Waste Authority. The Chairman acknowledged the letter and reinforced that the collection of levy monies is not the responsibility of the Authority, but the Minister. The Chairman reminded of an outstanding commitment of DEC to review the Levy Regulations, including making necessary amendments to clarify exemptions, and advised that it would be timely to undertake this review as soon as possible.

The Authority discussed correspondence sent to the General Manager of the Perth International Arts Festival (PIAF) regarding event recycling and possible PIAF partnership with the Authority. Members agreed that a member of staff be made available to be a contact person in this regard and attend upcoming events to review the processes and provide feedback to the Authority. The Authority noted that Mr Ryan would identify a suitable officer and advise members accordingly.

The Authority discussed draft correspondence to the Forum of Regional Councils (FORC) in relation to classifying waste as an essential service. The Chairman noted that ongoing drafts of the Waste Strategy are supportive of the view that waste is an essential service. The Authority agreed to send a revised letter to FORC in line with the discussion, subject to the Chairman's consideration. The Chairman informed members that it was his understanding that FORC would draft its position on essential services shortly.

The Deputy Chair informed members of correspondence she had received from the Centre for Appropriate Technology in the Kimberley Region, regarding the development and pilot of a waste management program in remote Aboriginal communities in the Kimberley (Fitzroy Valley and later Gibb River Road). Municipal services are provided to around 45 communities in the region through

the provision of municipal services officers, but rubbish collection and tip management remains key challenges for the region.

The Deputy Chair informed that the Centre is seeking involvement or assistance from the Waste Authority towards its waste management efforts. Members noted that Mr Tony Beeson would contact the Centre in relation to opportunities to provide assistance under the SWIS / CGS grants program.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

The Authority:

- 8.2.1** Noted the list of incoming and outgoing correspondence outlined in the briefing.
- 8.2.2** Requested staff to determine if WALGA and the Waste Management Association of Australia (WA Branch) had received a copy of the report provided by Eclipse Resources entitled '*Reforming the Waste Levy and the Waste Industry.*'
- 8.2.3** Agreed to seek the permission of Eclipse Resources to release the report identified at 8.2.2 to WALGA and the Waste Management Association (WA Branch), should it be determined that these groups did not receive it.
- 8.2.4** Noted the progress of projects undertaken by the Waste Management Association (WA Branch) as part of its strategic partnership arrangement, and agreed to receive future reports on a quarterly basis.
- 8.2.5** Noted the outstanding commitment of DEC to review the Levy Regulations, including necessary amendments to clarify exemptions, and agreed that it would be timely to undertake this review as soon as possible.
- 8.2.6** Requested that a staff member be made available to attend upcoming Perth International Arts Festival events to review processes and provide feedback to the Authority.
- 8.2.7** Noted that the Manager, Waste Management Branch would identify a suitable officer in relation to 8.2.6 and advise members accordingly.
- 8.2.8** Agreed, subject to the Chairman's consideration, to send a revised letter to FORC in relation to classifying waste as an essential service.
- 8.2.9** Noted that Mr Beeson would contact the Centre for Appropriate Technology in the Kimberley Region to discuss opportunities to assist with its waste management efforts.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Monthly Report – Actual WMB Staff Numbers

The Waste Authority had previously approved an establishment of 25 staff for the Waste Management Branch. The Authority noted that there is currently 16 staff located within the branch as a consequence of resignations and redundancies. The Authority noted that a number of positions have been advertised and are expected to be filled soon.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

- 9.1.1** The Authority noted that the Waste Management Branch currently has 16 staff employed within the branch, of a total of 25 approved.

9.2 Consultants Listing – Status Report – Sep – Dec 2009

The Authority noted the listing of projects undertaken by consultants on behalf of the Waste Authority. This included a review of the total recycling activity in WA for the 2006/07 financial year (consultancy now completed) and an evaluation of trials for the new Perth to Bunbury Highway (to be undertaken over 3 years, commencing from 2008).

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

9.2.1 The Authority noted the listing of projects undertaken by consultants on behalf of the Waste Authority for the period September to December 2009.

9.3 Household Hazardous Waste Program - Update

The Authority noted that the Minister has approved additional funding towards the cost of disposal of material collected at temporary collection days under the household hazardous waste program. Under the cost sharing arrangement, the Mindarie Regional Council, Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council and Rivers Regional Council intend to run temporary collection days in their region.

The Chairman informed members that the Minister has also approved the establishment of a Household Hazardous Waste Committee under the WARR Act. The deliberations of the Committee will inform the future direction of the program and other projects relating to household hazardous waste. The inaugural meeting of the Committee will be held on 10 February 2010.

The Authority noted the Year 2, Second Quarter Report (August to October 2009) of the Household Hazardous Waste Program.

In relation to paint recycling, Mr Geisler briefly mentioned his discussion with a proponent interested in recycling paint on a large scale. Mr Geisler agreed to forward contact details to the Chairman regarding this matter.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

The Authority:

9.3.1 Noted that the Minister has approved additional funding towards the cost of disposal of material collected at temporary collection days under the Household Hazardous Waste Program.

9.3.2 Noted the establishment of the Household Hazardous Waste Committee under the WARR Act, with the first meeting of the Committee to be held 10 February 2010.

9.3.3 Noted that Marcus Geisler would forward contact details to the Chairman in relation to a proponent interested in recycling paint on a large scale.

9.4 Food Waste Avoidance Program Proposal

The Authority noted a proposal from the NSW Government to work with other Australian jurisdictions to determine the value and cost of partnering in a food waste avoidance campaign entitled '*Love Food Hate Waste.*'

Staff informed that the NSW Government had bought the rights to use the branding and some of the messaging associated with the UK Government's food waste avoidance campaign of the same name.

While NSW is pushing ahead with the food waste avoidance campaign, staff advised that the NSW Government is approaching other States to determine possible interest in creating a National campaign. It is believed that a coordinated approach, through partnerships with large national retailers and broader marketing approaches could progress a significant food waste avoidance effort that could reach a larger proportion of the public in an effort to effect behaviour change.

Members queried the resourcing requirements needed to support the campaign and associated costs. Staff advised that this would depend on how much the Authority may wish to contribute to the process through promotion or website information.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

The Authority:

9.4.1 Noted the proposal from the NSW Government to work with other Australian jurisdictions to determine the value and cost of partnering in a food waste avoidance campaign entitled 'Love Food Hate Waste.'

9.4.2 Agreed to consider the proposal and determine its appropriateness to participate in the program at the next meeting.

9.5 Closure of CLAW Environmental

The Authority noted the information provided regarding the anticipated closure of CLAW Environmental, a WA plastic and e-waste recycler. Members noted that the business's operations are expected to cease on 5 February 2010.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

9.5.1 The Authority noted the information regarding the anticipated closure of CLAW Environmental.

9.6 Government Response to Inquiry into Municipal Waste Management in WA

The Authority noted the Government's Response to the Inquiry into Municipal Waste Management in Western Australia, tabled in Parliament in November 2009. Members noted that a number of issues raised in the Government's Response to the Inquiry bear relevance to ongoing areas of interest for the Authority, the majority of which are being addressed through avenues other than the response to the inquiry findings, such as the State Waste Strategy.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

9.6.1 The Authority noted the State Government's Response to the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs Inquiry into Municipal Waste Management in Western Australia.

9.7 Levy Amendments to WARR Act / WARR Levy Regulations

Members received a copy of the updated WARR Act 2007, WARR Levy Regulations 2008 and WARR Levy Act during the meeting.

10. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 5.05pm.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Waste Authority will be held on 3 March 2010, commencing at 11.00am in the 4th Floor Boardroom, DEC Atrium. A Business Planning Day is also scheduled for 17 March 2010.

APPROVED / APPROVED WITH AMENDMENT



Jan Grimoldby (Ms), A/Chair
WASTE AUTHORITY

12 March 2010