



Waste Authority

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF SPECIAL WASTE AUTHORITY MEETING

held on Wednesday 18 February 2009
Department of Environment and Conservation
4.50pm – 5.10pm

Meeting No. 02/2009

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr Barry Carbon	Chairman
Ms Jan Grimoldby	Deputy Chair
Prof Paul Hardisty	
Mr Marcus Geisler	

ATTENDEES

Mr Michael Reid	A/Manager, Policy and Evaluation, DEC	
Mr Tony Beeson	Manager, Waste Avoidance & Resource Recovery, DEC	
Ms Leanne Reid	Project Officer, Policy and Evaluation, DEC	Minutes/Actions

APOLOGIES

Ms Carolyn Jakobsen

2. SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR CATEGORY 63 LANDFILLS

The Chairman called a special meeting of the Waste Authority (commencing at 4.50pm) during its meeting to receive and discuss the Draft State Waste Strategy for Western Australia.

The Waste Authority notified the Minister late last year regarding changes to the schedule of rates for Category 63 Landfills. The plan was for the levy to increase to \$5 on 1 January 2009, \$7 on 1 July 2009 and \$9 on 1 July 2010 (per cubic metre). In order for these changes to commence, the Waste Authority is required to prepare a submission to the Executive Council (Governor and Council) advising of these changes.

As the submission has not been received by the Executive Council before 1 January 2009, the landfill levy cannot increase to \$5 on 1 January as planned.

The Chairman advised members of two options to progress the matter:

Option 1: Shift all dates back, which would result in the levy staying the same for this financial year and then increasing to \$5 on 1 July 2009.

Option 2: Increase the levy from \$3 to \$7 from 1 July 2009.

The Chairman advised of an error in the confirmed minutes of the special meeting of the Waste Authority held on 22 October 2008 where the schedule of rates for category 63 landfills was recommended.

Resolution 3.1.6 of the 22 October 2008 confirmed minutes of meeting read as follows:

The Authority recommended the following schedule of rates for the landfill levy, to commence on 1 January 2009; as:

Category 63 landfills – before 1 July 2009, \$5; on or after 1 July 2009 and before 1 July 2010, \$8; and on or after 1 July 2010, \$9 (per cubic metre).

The Chairman advised that resolution 3.1.6 of the 22 October 2008 meeting be corrected to read as follows:

The Authority recommended the following schedule of rates for the landfill levy, to commence on 1 January 2009; as:

Category 63 landfills – before 1 July 2009, \$5; on or after 1 July 2009 and before 1 July 2010, \$7; and on or after 1 July 2010, \$9 (per cubic metre).

Moved: Ms Grimoldby
Seconded: Mr Geisler

RESOLUTIONS OF DISCUSSION:

The Authority:

- 2.1 Adopted the following schedule of rates for the landfill levy to provide to the Minister:**
Category 63 landfills – on or after 1 July 2009 and before 1 July 2010, \$7; and on or after 1 July 2010, \$9 (per cubic metre). *
- 2.2 Confirmed a correction to resolution 3.1.6 of the confirmed minutes of the special meeting of the Waste Authority held on 22 October 2008 as highlighted above and requested the correction be amended within the minutes as soon as possible.**

3. CLOSE

The special meeting closed at 5.10pm.

APPROVED / APPROVED WITH AMENDMENT



Barry Carbon, Chairman

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1 April 2009

* In relation to resolution 2.1 above – the Waste Authority at its 1 April 2009 meeting resolved that a footnote be included to the minutes to clarify the intent of this resolution. To alleviate concerns expressed to the Chairman by some parties that they were unsure of what was meant by 'on or after,' the Authority agreed to add as a footnote to the minutes, that the 'or' could be read as 'and' in resolution 2.1: 'The Authority adopted the following schedule of rates for the landfill levy to provide to the Minister: Category 63 landfills – on AND after 1 July 2009 and before 1 July 2010, \$7; and on AND after 1 July 2010, \$9 (per cubic metre).' The Authority acknowledged that this could be more meaningful to some readers.