



## Minister for Environment; Youth

Our Ref:

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Dear Barry

### **CHANGES TO THE WASTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY LEVY REGULATIONS 2008**

As you are aware, the Budget Statements for 2009/10 reflect changes to the landfill levy, effective from 1 July 2009. New levy rates of \$28 per tonne for liable putrescible landfill sites and \$12 per cubic metre for liable inert landfill sites are intended. These new rates must be given effect by amendment to the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy Regulations 2008* (WARR Levy Regulations).

In accordance with the Budget Statements, the intention is that additional revenue derived from the increase in the levy will be used to offset a reduction in the appropriation from the Consolidated Fund required by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC). To ensure that priority waste management actions continue to be supported the Waste Authority will continue to receive funding consistent with existing revenue from landfill levies.

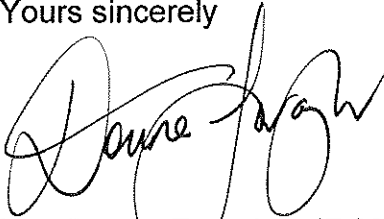
The Budget Statements reflect an anticipated change in the expenditure rules for revenue from the landfill levy, which would allow funds from the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account (WARR Account) to be applied to a broader range of environmental and conservation purposes. This will require legislative amendment which the Government is proceeding with.

As you will appreciate, these changes will have significant implications for the Waste Authority's own agenda for making changes to the levy and aspects of its administration and enforcement. The previously proposed changes to the levy rate, resolved by the Waste Authority on 22 October 2008 and updated by resolution on 18 February 2009, are now superceded by the rates assumed in the Budget Statements. In view of the changes, I request your assistance in giving effect to this new development in Government policy.

Firstly, I ask that as a matter of urgency you seek a recommendation from the Waste Authority to the Governor in Executive Council, to increase the levy to \$28 per tonne for liable putrescible landfill sites and \$12 per cubic metre for liable inert landfill sites. This recommendation should refer to a set of draft regulations which are being prepared and will be provided to the Waste Authority shortly.

Secondly, I ask that the Waste Authority discontinue its current preparation of a Cabinet Submission and progress the matter associated with the definition of waste separately.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna Faragher', written in a cursive style.

Hon Donna Faragher JP MLC  
**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; YOUTH**

**15 MAY 2009**