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Dear David

Extended Operating Hours for Lucas Heights Landfill, Little Forrest Road, Menai – SSD 6835

As you are aware Lucas Heights Landfill is the only landfill in Sydney which is permitted to accept putrescible waste.

Due to the continued wet weather and the forecast for more heavy rain and flooding to come over the next few days we have an emerging emergency situation in which it is likely that some waste collections services in Sydney may come to a halt.

Unfortunately, due to the weather, access to Lucas Heights Landfill tip face is currently very much restricted and it is now taking approximately 2-3 hours for trucks to access the site and tip safely. Access roads are very wet and ground conditions at the tip face are poor meaning that many trucks must be towed in and out which adds considerable time to the activity. This delay at the tip site is restricting the number of loads that may be received daily and as a result, most transfer stations in Sydney are now full and have already started restricting waste inputs.

As the weather is not forecast to improve over the next few days it is likely this situation will deteriorate further.

To alleviate some of the waste backlog in Sydney, Cleanaway respectfully requests a temporary extension in the site operating hours (as specified in condition C53 of the consent) for a four-week period commencing Friday 4th of March through to Friday 1st April. The proposed for "Landfill Operation" are outlined below.

Days of Week	Current Hours	Requested Extended Hours
Monday to Friday	5am - 5pm	4am – 6pm
Saturday	6am - 5pm	5am-5pm
Sunday	8am-5pm	6am-5pm

During this 4-week period the number of trucks or tonnage of waste arriving at the site will not increase. We would expect to receive approximately the same number of trucks per day. However, they would arrive over a slightly extended period and spend less time queuing on site. The increase would not result in any additional noise being created by the facility or any other increase in emissions from the site.

We understand that this is an industry wide issue in Sydney and that our competitors and customers are in a similar situation and are also in the process of restricting waste inputs.

If you could get back to me as a matter of urgency on this request that would be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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