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**EMAIL & STANDARD POST** 

Dear Mr Ritchie

I refer to your letter dated 21 December 2016 to the Environment Protection Authority ("EPA") requesting comment on the amended Environmental Impact Statement ("amended EIS") submitted by Urbis Pty Ltd in relation to a proposed energy from waste facility at Eastern Creek (SSD 6236). The EPA has reviewed the amended EIS and supporting documents for the proposal.

The EPA still has significant concerns in relation to this proposal. The EPA is concerned that insufficient information has been provided to conduct a robust assessment of the potential impacts from the proposed facility. The EPA particularly has concerns in relation to potential air quality impacts; human health impacts; and alignment with the NSW EPA's Energy from Waste Policy.

Therefore, it is the EPA's position that it cannot support the proposal in its current form.

The EPA's comments in relation to the above concerns are attached to this letter. I have also included two independent reviews conducted by Arup Pty Ltd and Environmental Risk Sciences Pty Ltd, which provide expert advice in relation to the concept and technological design and the Human Health Risk Assessment respectively.

Please see detailed comments attached and if you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Ms Deanne Pitts on (02) 9995 5752.

24-3.2017

Yours sincerely

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**Executive Director Waste and Resource Recovery** 

**Environment Protection Authority** 

Enclosed:

Attachment A - Background

Attachment B – NSW EPA – Energy from Waste Policy Attachment C – Arup Pty Ltd - Key Technical Issues

Attachment D - NSW EPA - Human Health Risk Assessment

Attachment E - Environmental Risk Sciences Pty Ltd - Review of Health Risk Related Matters

Attachment F - NSW EPA - Air Quality and Ozone Impact Statement

Attachment G - NSW EPA - Soil and Water Assessment