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Re: Submission - State Significant Development Application SSD-10364

Dear Katelyn,

I am writing to you in relation to the State Significant Development Application SSD-10364 (Application), for a dry recyclables facility proposed for 112 – 120 Euston Road, Alexandria. The applicant, Visy Recycling have requested that Waverley Council provide this letter of support for the Application.

Waverley Council currently has an interim processing agreement with Visy Recycling for the receipt, sorting, processing, and recovery of recyclables collected in the Waverley Local Government Area. This material is currently transported and received at the Burrows Road South, St Peters recycling facility.

Council staff have been recently advised that Visy Recycling are required to vacate the St Peters recycling facility as the site is being acquired by the NSW State Government for use as part of the Sydney Gateway Project. The closure of the St Peters recycling facility affects the contractor's ability to perform the services. It is expected that this will have a significant impact on the provision of domestic recycling collection services in Waverley as this will increase costs and resources required to transport collected materials to an alternative facility.

The availability of suitable waste and recycling infrastructure in the Sydney Metropolitan Area is already limited. The lack of processing infrastructure has created limited market availability and processing options for waste and recycling services for local governments. This has also led to ongoing increases in the transportation of waste and recycling materials, which increases costs for residents, traffic congestion and carbon emissions in the greater Sydney Area.

The collection of domestic recyclables is an essential service and our residents expect that kerbside recycling will be collected efficiently and recycled correctly. A local recycling facility in the eastern Sydney area is a key requirement for continuity of this service and will prevent increased service costs being passed on to ratepayers. Accordingly, we would encourage the State Government to favourably consider the Application for the new dry recyclables facility in Euston Road, Alexandria.

Additionally, Council urges the State Government continue to explore and support initiatives to increase waste and recycling infrastructure to ensure effective and efficient waste and recycling services can be provided to residents in the greater Sydney area.

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Given the imminent closure of the St Peters recycling facility, we believe this matter requires urgent attention to prevent any interruption to recycling services provided to Waverley residents.

Should you require any further information regarding this submission, please feel free to contact Council's Service Manager, Waste and Recycling, Lucas Atkinson on 02 9083 8242.

Yours sincerely,

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