



28 May 2014

The Hon Pru Goward MP
Minister for Planning

On line submission: www.planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ms Goward,

Re: SSD 5855 - Banksmeadow Waste Transfer Terminal

Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) is an association of sixteen Councils formed for their mutual benefit. Collectively, the group extends across an area covering almost 700 square kilometres, with a population in excess of 1.6 million people. The role of SSROC is to undertake projects that cross council boundaries achieving results that will contribute to the sustainability of our member Councils and their communities. In this role we have supported eight Councils through an open tender process to significantly improve the diversion of their communities' general waste from landfill, in support of the NSW Government's Waste and Resource Recovery (WARR) Strategy.

The extensive process, which began in 2008, identified the best offer across a wide range of criteria was that of Veolia Environmental Services (Veolia). It included the development of a new waste transfer terminal in Banksmeadow. SSROC therefore strongly supports the development. The proposed transfer terminal at Banksmeadow is a critical element in moving towards this improved service and enabling Council and its seven partner Councils to contribute to the NSW Government targets (NSW 2021, goals 23, 19, 20, 5 and 3) as well as its 70% recycling target from the draft WARR Strategy 2013-21. The new facility is an essential element in the management of waste in the southern Sydney area, and a key component in the solution developed by the eight Councils with Veolia.

The proposed site is within the City of Botany Bay local government area, in the region covered by SSROC. It is adjacent to the Port Botany railway line, zoned as General Industrial within the State Environmental Planning Policy (Port Botany & Port Kembla) 2013. No waste will be processed or disposed of

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at Banksmeadow: it will be purely a transfer facility. Indeed, the site will be improved and any contamination left by previous site occupants will be managed appropriately.

More broadly, the proposed facility will provide Local Councils and business with a much-needed choice in determining their future waste management options. It will have the capacity to receive up to 400,000 tonnes of putrescible waste per year for transfer by rail, and up to 100,000 tonnes per year of non-putrescible waste for transfer to a proposed recycling facility in Camellia.

In summary, the Banksmeadow development is critical to the efforts of southern Sydney Councils to dramatically improve waste management in support of the government's targets. SSROC fully supports the application by Veolia to develop a transfer station at Banksmeadow.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Northey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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