



# *City of Canterbury*

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Dear Minister

**Re: SSD 5855 - Banksmeadow Waste Transfer Terminal**

The City of Canterbury supports the proposal by Veolia Environmental Services (Veolia) to develop a new waste transfer terminal in Banksmeadow.

Council understands that the proposed development is expected to:

- Reduce truck movements on Sydney's roads by establishing an eastern suburbs transfer terminal and moving the compacted waste by train.
- Reduce putrescible waste to landfill by over 54,000 tonnes.
- Help to create up to 36 new jobs at the transfer terminal and at the Woodlawn facility.
- Help to rehabilitate the former Woodlawn mine site.

It is understood that the proposed site is within the City of Botany Bay local government area, within the southern Sydney region, potentially more easily accessible to the eastern suburbs than any other existing waste transfer facility. 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 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.

With 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, the proposed development will improve the infrastructure required for the effective and efficient delivery of waste and resource recovery services.

Council therefore considers that the proposed facility will provide Local Councils and businesses with a much-needed choice in determining their future waste management options. Waste and resource recovery are essential services, being fundamental to public health and hygiene both generally and in emergency situations such as floods and fires.

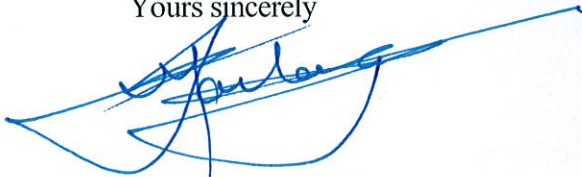
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Such infrastructure is essential if Councils and the NSW Government are to meet the targets under NSW 2021 and the NSW WARR Strategy. The Banksmeadow development represents a welcome and much needed component in Sydney's waste and resource recovery infrastructure.

Should you require further information, please contact Les Andrews – Manager Waste and Cleaning Services on (02) 9789 9371.

Yours sincerely



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**GENERAL MANAGER**

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