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Attn: Director - Industry Assessments  
NSW Department of Planning and Environment,

Online submission at: [www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au)

**Re: SSD 15\_7256: Environmental Impact Statement ResourceCo Resource Recovery Facility Wetherill Park**

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the EIS for this waste recycling facility. The Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) is an association of sixteen municipal and city councils. SSROC provides a forum for the collaboration between our member councils, and an interface between governments, other councils and key bodies on issues of common interest. Together, our member Councils cover a population of over 1.6 million, (one third of the population of Sydney), and an area of 680 square kilometres.

SSROC notes that the facility does not process municipal solid waste, but will enhance the capacity of the industry to process other waste streams. The site was previously used by as a metal recycling facility by SIMS metal and so appears to be an appropriate location. We recognise the need for resource recovery facilities within the Sydney basin so that increasing quantities of waste generated by a growing population can be sustainably managed. We further note that the proponent claims a 90% recovery rate thereby supporting the NSW Government targets. SSROC is therefore supportive of this development.

Whilst Process Engineered Fuel (PEF) is most commonly used in energy intensive industries such as cement-making, the documentation was not clear on the market for the PEF that is to be produced here. It would have been helpful for the proponent to clarify if the PEF is for export or for use within Australia.

Please note that, due to the timing of this submission, it has been drafted by the SSROC Secretariat, and has not been endorsed by the SSROC Delegates. Should any issues arise as a result I will contact you. For any enquiries regarding this submission, please feel free to contact me or Helen Sloan, Program Manager SSROC on 02 8396 3800 or email [ssroc@ssroc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ssroc@ssroc.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely,

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