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Submission to the Proposed Glenfield Waste Services Materials Recycling Facility, Glenfield (SSD-6249)

Dear Ms Barnet

This letter has been prepared on behalf of Sydney Intermodal Terminal Alliance (SIMTA) in relation to the proposed Materials Recycling Facility (the GWF Proposal), which is currently on exhibition with the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) and proposed at the Glenfield Waste Facility (GWF).

As a landowner and developer in the area, the GWF Proposal is of interest to SIMTA. In particular, in relation to the SIMTA Intermodal Terminal Facility Projects (Concept Plan Approval (MP 10_0193) and Stage 1 Proposal (14-6766)) and Moorebank Intermodal Company (MIC) Intermodal Terminal Facility Project (Concept Plan Proposal (SSD 5066)), which is to utilise part of the GWF site for future rail access to the Southern Sydney Freight Line (SSFL). It is SIMTA's understanding that the GWF Proposal will not impact upon SIMTA's projects, in particular the future transport of freight via rail. SIMTA see the GWF proposal as complimentary to the SIMTA projects.

Within the GWF Proposal the impact of vehicles on the road is reduced, as recycled building products that are produced as a result of this project will be in closer proximity to demand, reducing the distances trucks have to travel between production and consumption. SIMTA shares GWS's interest in improving logistical efficiencies and lends its support to the GWF Proposal.

As an advocate for development in South West Sydney, SIMTA notes the many benefits of the GWF Proposal including provision of necessary infrastructure for South West Sydney. Further, this proposal is consistent with Campbelltown City Council growth strategy which states that 'the focus will be on economic growth and diversification, primed by new and high quality urban development and redevelopment that respects the city's environmental character and widens its offering of strategic community facilities'¹. Recycling of construction and demolition (C&D) waste, commercial and industrial (C&I) waste, green waste and virgin excavated natural material/excavated natural material (VENM and ENM) at Glenfield is a value-add to existing infrastructure and diversifies Campbelltown's community offering. At a 450,000 tonne capacity, the

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GWF Proposal delivers 'metropolitan scale infrastructure to facilitate key economic development²' and will create 20 new jobs for local people.

Further, at 450,000 tonnes of capacity, the facility will satisfy infrastructure needs identified for South West Sydney in the Resource Recovery Infrastructure Needs Analysis³ prepared in 2011 for the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage. According to the report, in 2016-2017 375,000 tonnes of C&I waste would require processing beyond existing infrastructure capacity. In 2020-2021 this increased to 400,000 tonnes of C&I waste.

Also of particular importance, is that increased resource recovery of C&I Waste and C&D waste is a strategic priority of the NSW Government. The NSW Government has set priorities for waste reform in *NSW 2021: A Plan to make NSW Number One* and commits to developing long-term strategies that encourage resource recovery and prevent unnecessary waste. The NSW Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (WARR) Strategy 2014–21 is a key component of the Government's vision for the environmental, social and economic future of the state. The WARR Strategy calls for an increase in recycling rates for the following:

- commercial and industrial waste from 57% (in 2010–11) to 70% in 2021-22
- construction and demolition waste from 75% (in 2010–11) to 80 in 2021-22.

The GWF Proposal will result in an increase in diversion of C&I and C&D waste from landfill in line with state government targets.

State targets are applied to the Macarthur Regional Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2014-2017. The Strategy focuses more on municipal solid waste but identifies Glenfield Waste Services Landfill as key infrastructure accessible to the Macarthur Region (Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly Councils). It notes that access to landfill airspace is necessary for disaster resilience, when councils need to rapidly remove and dispose of building waste. This aligns with a key aim of the GWF Proposal, diverting waste from landfills.

With land in metropolitan Sydney at a premium and community expectations changing, it is becoming increasingly challenging to establish new landfills. As a result landfill owners are turning to recycling to reduce consumption of airspace and extend the life of their landfills. It is in the community's interest to support projects that recover as much waste as possible to extend the life of their landfills to avoid the need for new landfills, and preserve airspace for materials that aren't currently suitable for recycling. The GWF Proposal will support broader strategic needs of avoidance of unnecessary airspace consumption and asset management of existing landfills.

The GWF Proposal will also result in many environmental and economic benefits to industry. Producing a substitute for a primary resource in an urban environment is beneficial because it is in closer proximity to the source of the demand. As a result environmental impacts associated with primary extraction, production and transportation from quarry to customer are avoided.

² <http://www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/Invest>

³ <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/boost-infrastructure.htm>

Similarly, recovery of finite resources such as steel and copper from C&D waste has many financial benefits for the local economy. With South West Sydney tipped as a growth area in New South Wales, it is anticipated that there will be an ongoing demand for recycled materials suitable for construction projects.

Based on the merits identified above we support, and raise no objection to, the GWF Proposal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Yiend', with a horizontal line drawn underneath.

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