

## Submission on the draft MWRRIP

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Attention Mr Les Willmott, (Chair Metropolitan Waste Resource Recovery Group):

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Draft Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Implementation Plan (DMWRRIP).

As social activists I seeks to encourage all waste production to be managed within the bounds of a given community. Dumping waste into landfill in geographically distant dumps is not the long term answer to waste management. Also, the suggestion that waste has to go "somewhere" , the west, north and north west have more land for landfill is sure to create an even greater social divide.

Twenty first century management of waste should mean that waste is managed within the bounds of each community; where each community owns its own waste. This management method insists that these communities research cutting edge management of waste to recycle, treat or dispose of at zero cost or even make a profit.

This is not a hippy.... left wing activism protest. These ideas have many highly respectable precedent. Your DMWRRIP demonstrates no genuine advancement or imagination for the management of domestic, industrial, organic or putrescent waste.

The suggestion that waste has to go somewhere, and that the west, north and north west have more land for landfill is sure to create greater social divide. It is also in direct oppositions to your DMWRRIP statement that:

6.2.3 Community acceptance of waste and resource recovery facilities is underpinned by a level of trust and mutual understanding between operators and the community....

This is not a way to manage a highly emotive issue such as waste disposal, nor will it create a sense of responsibility in a highly motivated "throwaway" society who inhabit the wealthy south eastern suburbs of our State

The above argument require addressing with careful thought and reason. Many will argue the east and south east will become free-riders. The DMWRRIP is designed to create a social divide that gives the perception of waste being 'over there', not our problem. This is not the future for modern waste management.

If the DMWRRIP is looking to a cheaper option, be aware that there are long term options that can generate profit in the long term. I hope I didn't miss profit aspect in your very long report, but I don't think it was there. The DMWRRIP requires a greater depth of thought and research into alternatives to this age old problem. Dumping, burying and passing over to the other side of the social "fence" is not the solution.

Yours sincerely

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