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Dear MWRRG,

**Support for the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Implementation Plan**

South East Water support planning authorities to use land use planning measures which appropriately recognise the importance of waste and resource recovery facilities as an essential community function and protect communities. The establishment and protection of buffer separation distances is important to ensure the long term viability of suitable facilities.

South East Water supports the concept of co-location of resource recovery hubs at Water Utility sites for more efficient use of community owned infrastructure and potential synergies between activities. The proviso is the operation of the hubs should not have a negative impact on the operation of the wastewater treatment function of the sites or a negative financial impact on water authority customers.

The pricing of organic waste disposal is an important incentive to resource recovery and recycling. Care needs to be taken in setting the price to minimise the risk of perverse outcomes such as transfer of waste disposal to sewer resulting in higher community costs for treatment of wastes in a diluted form.

As indicated by our Expression of Interest submission in August, South East Water supports the vision of the Implementation Plan to reduce reliance on landfills and does see synergistic opportunities in working together..

Should you wish to discuss this feedback further with us, please contact Andrew Chapman on

Regards

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