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Draft 30-year Infrastructure Strategy

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Dear Makeena and Adele

The Australian Council of Recycling (ACOR) is the peak national industry association representing a broad range of organisation within the resource recovery industry. We represent a diverse group of members, including local councils, public and private resource recovery and recyclers with different interests in the design and implementation of the Infrastructure Strategy, particular under “*Need 15: Manage pressures on landfill and waste recovery facilities*”. This submission reflects a brief consultation with ACOR members.

In general, ACOR supports the Strategy and makes these recommendations to further emphasise the importance of the waste and resource recovery sector in Victoria:

- Provide incentives to business, industries and local councils to upgrade or expand existing infrastructure and services to increase recycling capacity and optimise efficiency;
- Support the entire supply-value chain, including waste generators, collectors, processors, recyclers and manufacturers to maximise resource recovery and their application to highest use;
- Reduce waste disposed to landfill through diverting waste from landfill to recycling as many of landfill sites may reach capacity due to exponential rates of waste generation;
- Limit or reduce the likelihood of establishing new landfills in Victoria given the availability of advanced waste treatment technologies, including MBTs and EfW facilities;

- More recycling programs for e-waste, organic, construction and demolition waste as well as safe transport and disposal of hazardous waste;
- Aim for a higher recovery rate in the state, learning from SA;
- Landfill buffers to be considered and revised to minimise impacts to communities;
- Waste pricing: Victorian landfill levy should be reformed and aligned with those in NSW and SA. Other states have set clear target for levy increase up to the next 30 years. We would encourage you to contact both South Australia and New South Wales for their own economic analysis of pricing mechanisms. In Particular I refer you the CEO of Green Industries South Australia Mr Vaughan Levitzke (Vaughan.levitzke@sa.gov.au) and the head of Waste Strategy in New South Wales Mr Stephen Beaman (Stephen.Beaman@epa.nsw.gov.au)
- Large expenditure of landfill levies accrued in the Sustainability Fund will be required to meaningfully manage the forecast volumes.
- Full alignment with the Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan should be articulated

ACOR stands ready to further assist Infrastructure Victoria in the review and implementation process of the draft 30-year Infrastructure Strategy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant Musgrove', written in a cursive style.

Grant Musgrove
Chief Executive Officer