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Dear Mr Birch

WMAA Submission on End of Waste (EoW) Codes Framework

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the End of Waste Codes Framework and apologies for the late submission. The Waste Management Association of Australia (WMAA) is the peak body for all stakeholders in the waste and resource recovery industry, with members based in a broad range of business organisations, government, universities and community groups.

WMAA's members are involved in a range of important waste management and resource recovery activities within the Queensland economy, including infrastructure investment and operations, collection, manufacturing of valuable products from resource recovered materials, energy recovery and responsible management of residual materials, and community engagement and education.

The WMAA Queensland Branch, during its February meeting, took time to discuss and debate the EoW Framework and discuss the main categories or waste streams that could be investigated or considered for an EoW code.

WMAA proposes that the following resource or wastes should be given consideration:

Construction and demolition waste streams

- Concrete
- Recycled Asphalt Product (RAP)

Organic waste

- Food organics with contamination of less than 3% which is being used as a direct feedstock for an Advanced Waste Technology (AWT)
- Food waste from commercial food manufacturers and processors with demonstrated contamination levels of less than 1%
- Organic waste with a direct outlet – i.e. feedstock for animals
- Source Separated Green Waste - Self Haul/Green Bin. However there needs to be careful consideration of contamination rates of green bin green waste

Co-mingled Recycling

There is an opportunity to look at the waste types (generally being paper, glass, aluminium, steel and mixed plastics) that are collected as part of kerbside recycling collections and determine which of these could be subject to an EoW approval under the Act.

E-Waste

E-waste collected and managed under a defined product stewardship mechanism.

WMAA looks forward to the positive consideration of this submission. WMAA and its representatives view this Paper as part of an ongoing discussion with the DEHP, and looks forward to the opportunity to meet with DEHP Officers to discuss this further. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned

Yours sincerely



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