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16th October, 2008

Dear Sir.

Reference: C2008/1171 - Draft Determination A91096 - Inner Sydney Group of Councils

We refer to your letter dated 25th September, 2008 with respect to an application by the Inner Sydney Waste Management Group of Councils (ISWMG) for Authorisation to jointly tender and contract for the provision of regional transfer, processing and disposal of food and garden organics and the marketing and sale of any material or products from that transfer or processing to the respective local government areas.

We have consulted with our Members and we can confirm that the Association supports this collective tender on the following basis:

- That the tender awarded is strictly for the services requested in the specification.
- That it is the very clear understanding of our Association and its Members that any add-on services (kerbside collection & transport, provision of bins etc) do not constitute a part of this tender, and that if such services are to be awarded then they will be the subject of another competitive tender process.
- That this process follows the NSW Department of Environment & Climate Change (NSW DECC) service timelines.
- That the ISWMG adopts the NSW DECC model contracts.
- That all tender documents comply with the NSW Domestic Waste Code of Practice (WorkCover)
- That all tender documents comply with the Better Practice Guide for Waste Management in Multi-Unit Dwellings

If you wish to discuss any aspect of our response please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours Faithfully,

Tony Khoury
Executive Director