



25 June 2014

Chief Executive Officer

Attention: Strategic Community Consultation
City of Sydney
GPO Box 1591
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Ms Barone,

Re: Draft Advanced Waste Treatment Masterplan

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comment on the City of Sydney's *Draft Advanced Waste Treatment Masterplan 2014 (draft AWT Masterplan)*

Together, the 16 member Councils of Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) cover an area of almost 680 square kilometres and a resident population of nearly 1.6 million people, roughly one-third of the population of Sydney.

The draft *AWT Masterplan* offers significant opportunities for the Southern Sydney region and meeting the NSW Government's own targets in the draft *NSW Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2013-21*.

Looking in more detail, modelling that we have undertaken in the development of the 2014 *Regional Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy (draft)* indicates that it will be extremely challenging for the NSW State target to be met without such innovation as shown by the City of Sydney's proposal.

We note the high level of support demonstrated by the sector at the City of Sydney's briefing held on 15th May.

We add that the proposed staged implementation approach allows for ongoing leadership and learning for the government and for the sector – as well as the ongoing engagement with the community whose support is essential in order for the state and local governments as well as the private sector operators to gain the crucial social licence to operate resource recovery infrastructure.

Furthermore the *AWT Masterplan* demonstrates the ongoing leadership shown by the City in the renewable energy sector. SSROC Councils continue to be very active in this space and as such, fully support the City's proposal, both for its facilitation of resource recovery and generation of a source of renewable energy.

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Please do not hesitate to contact myself, or Helen Sloan (SSROC Program Manager, Environment, Planning and Waste), on 02 9330 6455 if you would like to discuss any of the issues identified above. Thank you again for the opportunity to offer these comments, and I look forward to the results of the public exhibition period.

Yours faithfully,



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Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils