



29 June 2016

Department of Planning and Environment

Online submission:

http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=7696

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: SSD 5855 Mod 1 - Modification to Banksmeadow Waste Transfer Terminal

The Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) is an association of local Councils in the area south of Sydney harbour. SSROC provides a forum for the exchange of ideas between our member Councils, and an interface between governments, other Councils and key bodies on issues of common interest. We facilitate collaboration between councils on joint ventures, procurement, and projects including advocacy. Together, our member Councils cover, a population of over 1.6 million, or one third of the population of Sydney, and an area of 680 square kilometres.

SSROC has no objection to the modification as proposed by Veolia Environmental Services (Veolia). SSROC understands that Veolia has been unable to complete the required intersection upgrade works at the site entrance through no fault of its own, and that there would be no changes to the existing approval beyond the timing of the works. We foresee no adverse impact from allowing the modification.

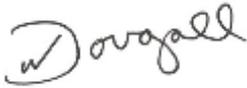
Furthermore, I write today also to go further and to support of the modification sought on the basis of the potential impacts on some of our member Councils should it not be allowed. SSROC facilitated the tender process on behalf of member Councils that resulted in the award of a contract to Veolia for the treatment and disposal of general putrescible waste and several other waste streams. Councils' management of waste is a major cost to their residents, through the domestic waste management charges that are passed directly to residents.

The Councils participating in the Veolia project are: City of Botany Bay, Inner West (covering the former Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Ashfield and Leichhardt, Burwood, Georges River (former Kogarah City LGA), Rockdale City, Waverley and Woollahra. Collectively, they will deliver more than 110,000 tonnes of general putrescible waste each year to Veolia for processing at its mechanical biological treatment plant at Woodlawn (near Goulburn). Of this total, some 80,000 tonnes will ultimately be delivered to the new Banksmeadow Transfer Terminal (BTT), being the waste from the eastern Councils.

The Councils that will deliver their general putrescible waste to the BTT, City of Botany Bay, Georges River, Rockdale, Waverley and Woollahra, have existing contracts that are due to expire in the period leading up to or soon after the opening of the BTT. The start of delivery will therefore be staged as existing contracts expire, but needs to start as early as possible. While Councils can arrange for interim disposal services, these would be very likely to be significantly more expensive than the same services delivered under a contract. There are therefore potentially serious cost implications for Councils if the opening of the BTT is delayed.

For any enquiries regarding this submission, please feel free to contact me or Helen Sloan, Program Manager SSROC on 02 8396 3800

Yours sincerely,



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