



COMMUNIQUE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

The second meeting of the Advisory Group was held on Friday 30 October 2020.

Updates

Updates were provided about the status of the NSW Government's negotiations with the Commonwealth on the Recycling Modernisation Fund. Further details will be announced shortly.

It was advised that model contracts are being considered as part of the 20 Year Waste Strategy work stream.

20 Year Waste Strategy

The key agenda item was again the NSW Government's [20-Year Waste Strategy](#).

Members contributed their advice in response to the current thinking about the focus, vision and draft targets. Members provided Government with advice about the need for the strategy to be whole-of-economy as well as whole-of-government to drive a circular economy.

Members also provided the following comments:

- The importance of a place-based approach noting the geographic and demographic diversity across NSW data
- The need for data of sufficient quality that local government can use to inform its decision making – the current quality of data hinders local efforts and impacts on transparency
- The importance of emphasising waste reduction, not just collection, as part of the strategy's vision
- Workforce development is critical to ensuring there is a work force with the capacity and capability to deliver on the strategy's intent.

Best practice procurement project

The advisory group received advice about a best practice project that four Joint Organisations (JO's) of local councils are working on to produce tools and resources to improvement procurement practice.

Extending the relationship with local government beyond waste

Due to time constraints, a short discussion was held about how this work can progress and the importance of taking a citizen-centric approach to extending the relationship between the EPA and local government.



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