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Dear Sir/Madam

REVIEW OF THE WASTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY ACT 2007 - CITY OF BAYSWATER SUBMISSION

At the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Bayswater held on the 27 January 2015 the Council resolved as follows:

"That Council endorses the proposed response to the Department of Environment Regulations in relation to the Waste Avoidance and Recovery Act 2007 (WARR Act) review as shown in Attachment 2 of this report"

Please find attached a copy of the attachment to the Council report as the City of Bayswater's comments on the review of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007.

Should you have any queries, please contact Mr Binh Luong, Coordinator Waste and Environmental Management on 9272 0688.

Yours Faithfully

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Attachment 2

City of Bayswater comments in the areas of collection and processing of waste, governance of waste groups and infrastructure planning:

- Collection And Processing Of Waste

The Collection and processing arrangements between different local authorities varies considerably. It might not be possible to align all the contracts or provide similar collection arrangements to achieve the economy of scale outcomes. The Local Government Reform Process that is currently taking place has indirectly assisted in achieving similar outcomes.

- Waste Groups

The City is already a member of a "waste group" called the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) which consists of:-

- City of Bayswater
- Town of Bassendean
- City of Belmont
- Shire of Kalamunda
- Shire of Mundaring
- City of Swan

The EMRC provides services in waste management, environmental management and regional development and is a model of successful local government collaboration that has initiated projects that deliver real benefits to the region.

The City also considers the EMRC is a workable model and that the existing important roles and functions of the EMRC may be able to be expanded to provide other services under the proposed amendments to the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007* and the *Local Government Act 1995*.

- Infrastructure Planning

The State Government needs to create an environment under the planning policies legislation to ensure land use is permitted for waste management purposes and also conforming for that purpose. In addition, the State Government and Department of Environment Regulation should provide a vehicle for change by introducing waste management initiatives or programs that would create real changes and improve waste diversion from landfill.

- Landfill Levy

The landfill levy in Western Australia has increased significantly over the last several years. While the City understands the rate is currently lower than other States and that the rationale behind the legislative framework is to change inefficient practices

and improve waste diversion rates in the waste management industry, the costs however to implement the changes will require significant direct and indirect capital investment from local authorities and private enterprise.

The City believes all funds generated from the landfill levy must be used in the waste management sector to encourage and assist local authorities and industry to implement the changes instead of using the funds raised for general revenue purposes.