FREMANTLE PORTS

Certified System Health & Safety AS 4801 | Certified System Environment ISO 14001 | Certified System Quality ISO 9001

Record: SAE.0515

4 September 2019

wastereform@dwer.wa.gov.au

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
Locked Bag 10
Joondalup DC WA 6919

Fremantle Ports' submission on *'Waste not, want not: valuing waste as a resource'* issues paper

The Inner Harbour and Outer Harbour operations located in Fremantle and Kwinana, respectively are managed by Fremantle Ports. The Inner Harbour handles the majority of Western Australia's container trade and facilitates motor vehicle import, general cargo trade and berthing for cruise ships and naval vessels. The Outer Harbour, including the Kwinana Bulk Terminal and Kwinana Bulk Jetty, handles the import and export of bulk granular materials such as bauxite, fertilisers and other bulk commodities.

Due to Fremantle Port's scope predominantly falling within the operation of established infrastructure for the import / export of cargoes there are limited occasions where material defined as waste would be generated by Port activities. However, there are instances where material currently interpreted as waste may be suitable for reuse.

Fremantle Ports are supportive of legislation such as those practiced in other States that would provide a risk-based assessment and approval process for the use of waste derived materials. Furthermore, a legislative framework that supports innovative use of waste derived materials would help Fremantle Ports' customers and suppliers to develop products suitable for export and use in port infrastructure, for example roads, berths, jetties, sea-walls, buildings and railways.

Fremantle Ports believes legislative reform would result in significant wider economic benefits including growth of the waste recycling and manufacturing sectors. This would provide new employment opportunities for Western Australians and potentially new markets for maritime trade.

Yours Sincerely

Melissa Manns
A/Environmental Manager

Fremantle Ports: 1 Cliff Street, Fremantle, Western Australia 6160 - Postal Address: PO Box 95 Fremantle WA 6959
Telephone: +61 8 9430 3555 • Facsimile: +61 8 9336 1391 • mail@fremantleports.com.au • Web: www.fremantleports.com.au
ABN 78 187 229 472