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Subject: DWER Proposed Waste Reporting Methodologies

Hi

Thank you for the opportunity to review WALGA's comprehensive draft Submission on DWER's proposed reporting methodologies. The City of Albany is supportive of the submission and appreciates the thorough work of WALGA staff.

In addition to the points raised in the draft submission we request that the following be emphasised:

1. Adequate consultation and input prior to setting up the online reporting system to ensure it addresses the needs of a range of local governments from metro and non-metro locations.
2. Changing reporting requirements will require local governments to update weighbridge software systems which will come at a cost. For example, the City of Albany's system is not currently set up to identify MSW, C&D or C&I at the first step.
3. We suggest an industry standard for weighbridge configuration would provide consistency for local governments.
4. Additional material categories not specified in the proposed methodologies are:
 - a. Contaminated brick
 - b. Contaminated soil, clean fill
 - c. Quarantine
 - d. Mixed general waste
 - e. Offal
 - f. Mattresses
 - g. Combined Food Organics & Garden Organics (proposed specifications only include separated FO and GO)
 - h. Request more definition of e-waste (e.g., does this include fridges?)
5. There is great variation in what can be fitted in a regular family car and a ute and there should be separate identification under Vehicle Volumes.
6. We strongly support WALGA's recommendation that the online reporting template should be available at the commencement of the reportable financial year to allow local governments to tailor data collection from the commencement of the reportable period.

7. We welcome the additional requirement of reporting on destination of recycling and would be interested to receive more information on how this would be implemented as this reporting would rely heavily on information which currently is difficult to access from recyclers.

8. In addition to the development of online reporting for waste and recycling data, a template for Annual Audit Compliance Reports would provide clarity and consistency and reduce administrative burden on local governments.

Please contact me if you have any queries about our comments.

Kind regards,

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