

# Waste Reform - FAQs

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## Q: How much extra am I likely to pay?

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- \$35 to \$150 /T according to waste type
- Waste levy applies at landfill sites
- There could be additional administration fees applying
  - Landfill operator
  - Waste contractor
- Discuss fees with your waste contractors



# Q: What is high or low hazard regulated waste?

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- Schedule 2 of draft WRR Regulation



- High Hazard (i.e.: acidic solutions)
- Low Hazard (i.e.: food processing waste)
- OR based on *concentration range* and *leaching rate (TCLP)*

# Q: What will happen to waste generated outside the levy zone?

- Levy applies to **all landfills** operated within the levy zone
- Levy applies to **waste** generated within the levy zone



# Q: Will there be a simplified process for DERM to approve beneficial use?

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- Granting beneficial use is critical to achieving the intent of the WRR Act
- Specific vs. general approvals
- More information to be provided upfront
- 40 business days for decision... or more...



# Q: How do I know which waste will be exempt from the levy?

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- *Factsheet*
- Contaminated soil – Application will NOT be granted unless the soil
  - was contaminated before 1 January 1992 and is not contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons; or
  - contains waste removed from a landfill cell that is to be disposed of as part of a significant project under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971, section 26.*

# Q: What is the residue waste levy discount rate?

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- Residue waste from recycling activities
- Types of business that might apply still unclear
- Approval will require applicant to meet specific efficiency thresholds
- Thresholds still not defined
- Discount rates granted for 12 month period
- Phase out by June 2014



# Q: What funding programs will be available to businesses?

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- Funding programs still not formally announced
- Infrastructure for landfill operators
- Onsite sorting
- Recycling services
- Resource efficiency solutions
- R&D



## Q: When will funding be available?

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- First round of funding expected in October – yet to be formally announced
- First round will target SMEs
- Various funding rounds following this
  - February/March 2012
  - Introducing more funding programs



## Q: What if I cannot find someone to recycle or reuse my waste?

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- Availability of recycling services remains a significant concern for members
- Unless recycled, waste going to landfill will be levied
- Some waste might be recovered at the landfill site, in which case some of the benefits *could be* passed on to the waste generator



## Q: What is a resource recovery deduction?

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- Not applicable to general industry
- Landfill operators can apply for this



# Q: What are waste reduction and recycling plans?

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- Currently required from facilities generating clinical waste (i.e.: hospitals)
- Will require a public consultation process (RAS) prior to introduction to wider industry
- Who could be targeted as a 'planning entity'?
- What obligations would then apply?

# Q: Can Ai Group assist my business now?

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- Free site walk-throughs
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# Thank You - More Questions?

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