

WCRA industry update on Thursday 10 June 2021



Join us at the Kirribilli Club from 3pm for a discussion on some of the key challenges and opportunities facing the waste management sector. There will be a range of presentations on topics ranging from industrial liquid waste, general recycling, the importance of enforcement for our industry, Nestlé on the re-use of soft plastics in Kit Kat wrappers and an update from the EPA on the NSW 20-year waste strategy. Our special dinner guests will be Hon. Trevor Evans, Federal Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction along with the Hon. Kate Washington, NSW Shadow Minister for the Environment.

Recycling centre opens in Western Sydney

On 30 April 2021, WCRA's Executive Director Tony Khoury attended the official opening of Bingo's \$100 million, state-of-the-art waste processing centre at Eastern Creek. This facility has a 9,000m² footprint, with the capability to process 7,000 tonnes per day of general, dry waste. In his opening comments, Bingo's CEO, Daniel Tartak stated "Bingo has been encouraged to invest in recycling assets because of government policy that supports the development of a sustainable recycling industry".

Recent Chain of Responsibility court decision from South Australia



Arising from an accident in 2014, an employer was found guilty of 8 counts of failing to comply with their WH&S duty. Magistrate Simon Smart stated, "as the operator of heavy vehicles, the defendant ought reasonably to have known of the risk to heavy vehicles of brake failure on long, downhill routes & the importance of gear selection in a manual vehicle to control the speed of the vehicle, as well as the importance of ensuring the competence of drivers to undertake such descents". He further said, "there is clear evidence that the employer did not provide such training, instruction or supervision in relation to the driver's competence to drive all routes he may be required to drive in the course of his work. The employer knew or ought to have known that the driver, although the holder of an unrestricted heavy vehicle license under the statutory scheme, had only recently obtained that license and lacked practical experience in the driving of a manual heavy vehicle."

Energy from Waste (EfW)

WCRA's position on EfW was recently communicated to the NSW Government. The submission highlighted that the waste levy should not apply to waste inputs at EfW facilities. WCRA added, in terms of certainty for investors, there needs to be a clear statement on the application or otherwise of future emission limits to existing facilities. With landfill space diminishing, it is vital that stakeholders support the development of a safe, legitimate, compliant & commercially feasible EfW sector.

Upcoming Events

Half Yearly General Meeting	Tuesday 11 th May 2021
Industry Update & Dinner	Thursday 10 th June 2021
Chain of Responsibility Training	Thursday 15 th July 2021
ICAM Training	Thurs/Fri 22 nd & 23 rd July 2021
WCRA Golf Day	Friday 20 th August 2021
AWRE	Wednesday 25 th & Thursday 26 th August 2021



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