



COMMUNIQUE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

The fourth meeting of the Advisory Group was held on Friday 19 March 2021.

20 Year Waste Strategy

The Strategy, together with the Plastics Plan, is currently with Government for consideration and will be released in mid-2021.

The EPA will continue to work constructively with local councils, metropolitan and regional waste groups to negotiate funding agreements for the *Waste Less, Recycle More* 2021-22 transition year.

Container Deposit Scheme and Review of the Material Recovery Facility (MRF)

Members received an update about the performance of the scheme and further information can be found on the [Return and Earn Website](#). Members were also briefed about the upcoming review of the MRF Protocol. Whilst not required for another 2 years, the review has been brought forward in the interest of continuous improvement now that the scheme has been operational for 3 years.

Updates

Members received updates about the following grants: Remanufacture NSW, Alternative Waste Treatment, Circular Solar, Illegal Dumping and Bushfire Recovery.

Local Government NSW thanked the EPA on behalf of the sector for its continuing investment in local councils.

Recent compliance actions

Members were briefed about compliance work undertaken by the EPA in partnership with local government – examples included addressing low frequency noise emanating from ships in Port Botany and response to odour complaints at Mulgrave in Western Sydney.

Clean Air Strategy

Members were advised that the draft [clean air strategy](#) is out for consultation. The consultation period has been extended to 7 May 2021.

EPA Roadshow and draft Regulatory Strategy

Members were presented with feedback received from the recent [EPA roadshows](#). The roadshows have provided Councils and licensees with an opportunity to engage directly with the EPA's Executive team.

The [draft regulatory strategy](#) has also been a focus of the roadshows.



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CEO and Chair

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