



## COMMUNIQUE

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

The fifth meeting of the Advisory Group was held on Tuesday 18 May 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 implement the commitments in the Strategy once released.

#### ***Waste Less, Recycle More* – 2021-22 transition year funding and arrangements**

Members received an update about the transition arrangements for local councils and waste groups. The EPA has committed to work closely with local government stakeholders to ensure a successful transition from *Waste Less, Recycle More* to the 20 Year Waste Strategy once released.

#### **Bin Harmonisation**

The EPA committed to working closely with local councils to progress the commitments from the [15 April 2021 Environment Ministers Meeting](#) that provided in-principle endorsement for bin harmonisation.

#### **Updates**

Members received updates about the [ban on PFAS](#), EPA's Net Zero Organics Plan, Energy from Waste policy and the recent decisions to provide [waste levy exemptions](#) to four of NSW's Alternative Waste Technology facilities.

Members received information about SSROC's *Paving the way* initiative. Members also received updates from the Hunter JO about a register of consent conditions that has been developed as part of the EPA's Contaminated Land Capacity Building Program.

#### **Clean Air Strategy**

Members were advised that consultation on the draft strategy has closed. The strategy will be released in the second half of 2021.

#### **EPA Strategic Plan**

Members were presented with the five priority areas that will be included in the EPA's new 3-year strategic plan. The strategic plan, regulatory strategy and regulatory policy will be released in the second half of 2021 and come together to create the new foundations of the agency.



Tracy Mackey  
**CEO and Chair**

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