
An email from Minister Kean: Invitation to provide your views on the NSW waste system

NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment 30 August 2019



The Honourable Matt Kean MP
Minister for Energy and Environment

Dear [title name]

The NSW Government is developing a 20-year Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy (20YWS) for NSW which will set a long-term vision for reducing waste and driving sustainable recycling markets, while ensuring consumers are at the centre of how we design resilient waste services.

In developing this new approach, I am interested in listening to a range of views about the waste sector and how it can be improved, including understanding stakeholder priorities for the industry and the development of a circular economy.

Your views will also help inform the development of the NSW Plastics Plan which I announced in July, and NSW's approach to the recent commitment by the Council of Australian Governments to ban export of certain types of waste plastics.

My focus for the 20YWS and accompanying policies are centred on:

- Sustainability – the NSW waste industry is self-sustaining, delivers improved environmental outcomes and avoids the human health impacts associated with poorly managed waste
- Reliability – the bins are always collected, and our waste is managed in accordance with community expectations where our recycling is recycled for example
- Affordability – waste services are delivered at a reasonable cost and with the customer in mind

With this in mind, I would like to hear a variety of perspectives from across the sector about the problems facing the NSW waste and resource recovery industry and what options there are to address them. As a first step I encourage you to provide written feedback with your ideas and solutions by Monday 23 September 2019. Please send your

feedback by clicking on the link https://cloud.mail.epa.nsw.gov.au/20_year_waste_strategy.

There will also be opportunities for further targeted engagement such as roundtables and workshops to discuss the priority problems and solutions identified as part of this process. This will enable a frank conversation between community groups, NGOs, local councils and industry about how we can collectively help deliver better outcomes in the waste sector.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) will release an issues paper about the 20YWS and accompanying policies at the end of the year. This paper will outline feedback received to date, highlight the issues in the waste sector and seek your views on reform options the strategy could deliver. Following the issues paper, we are seeking to release a draft strategy for further comment, and a final strategy.

Your involvement in each step will be important so that all parties in the waste sector can deliver improved services for consumers. For those of you who have already provided feedback to the Environment Protection Authority or DPIE to date, I thank you for your input. Feedback from industry, local government and the community is what will help us to ensure we deliver effective change to our waste management policy settings.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the 20-Year Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy secretariat at 20yws@dpi.e.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Matt Kean MP

Minister for Energy and Environment

© 2019 GPO Box 5341 Sydney NSW 2001 P: (02) 85746150 F: (02) 93395572 W: nsw.gov.au

This email was sent by: NSW Environment Protection Authority 59-61 Goulburn Street,
Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia



We respect your right to privacy - [view our policy](#)