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Question 1 - What are the key issues facing the NSW waste system?

In short:

1. Planning system does not work for waste assets
 2. No waste infrastructure plan
 3. Poor government strategy making - there is no clear plan
 4. Who is responsible for waste Planning / Strategy in NSW
 5. Little consultation on a formal basis with industry
 6. Targets are not mandatory
 7. Levy should apply across all of NSW but at different \$ levels
 8. Proximity Rules need to be Nationally Coordinated via the Mutual Recognition Act and liability travel with the waste
 9. Mandatory reporting should apply to all waste and recycling facilities
 10. Levy rebates should be provided to all bone fide recycling facilities
- These are just ten.

Question 2 - What are the main barriers to improving the NSW waste system?

Landfill is poorly regulated and too cheap. Planning approvals are too slow, do not prioritise waste infrastructure and do not protect existing facilities Regulation is ad-hoc. Small operators perform to a lower standard than the big operators.

Question 3 - How can we best reduce waste?

Get a National Approach to waste policy Establish an Industry Advisory Body Extend EPR Increase and hypothecate the landfill levy

Question 4 - How can we recycle better?

As above.

Question 5 - What are the main opportunities for improving the NSW waste system?

As above

Question 6 - Any other information that you would like to contribute to the waste strategy initiative?

I have sent a range of MRA powerpoint presentations and articles to the 20yws email. These should be considered as part of the MRA submission.