

## Response ID ANON-BMZD-WHRR-G

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### Introduction

#### Your Details

1 What is your name?

Name:

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2 Do you want to remain anonymous?

No

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6 Do your views officially represent those of an organisation?

No, these are my personal views

If yes, please specify the name of your organisation.:

7 Which of the following best describes the group or person you represent?

Government body

If other, please specify.:

8 Are there specific parts of your submission that you want to keep confidential?

No

If yes, please outline which specific parts of your submission must be kept confidential and explain why:

#### Objective of the waste levy

1 Are there any beneficial outcomes that can be achieved by a levy beyond those identified in the objectives of Waste Strategy 2030?

No. All it is doing is putting the levy on those who are not currently paying the levy.

If all monies collected would go to sorting out waste and recycling markets etc in WA then I would support it.

It is not!!!

Levy should not be used for administration or enforcement activities that should be covered under general revenue.

I don't trust the department to do the right thing.

#### How the levy can help achieve the objectives of Waste Strategy 2030

1 Are there any other strengths or weaknesses of a waste levy as an instrument for achieving the objectives of Waste Strategy 2030?

Yes the main weakness is there is no mention of where all this waste is to go.

There are no markets for recycled materials.

Get the markets sorted first!!!

## Rate of the levy

### 1 How has the waste levy benefitted or affected your waste business or operations?

It wont benefit me at all.

All it will do is cost more to get rid of and to sort out waste.

If all money raised was used for finding and setting up markets, reducing transport costs, aiding recycling efforts then I would support a levy. It currently is not being used for those purposes.

### 2 Can you advise of any recycling and waste diversion opportunities that would become viable if the waste levy was increased or applied in a different way? What rate of levy could be required to make these viable?

We are diverting all we can at the moment. Small shire do not have the volumes required to make it viable. we are certainly punching above our weight at this stage.

Once again our issues are markets and transport costs.

### 3 Please provide information on potential impacts which may result from increasing the waste levy.

Waste will be dumped in the surrounding DBCA land (DBCA will need to clean it up and pay the waste levy to dispose of at our site).

People especially farmers will dispose of waste on their own land.

### 4 If you knew when the waste levy was going to be varied, how would it affect your decisions about managing waste or related investments?

## Setting future levy rates

### 1 How might the Government best balance the need for responsiveness to emerging knowledge about best practice waste management with the benefits of providing the confidence about future waste levy rates?

Do not support a waste levy outside the metropolitan area in any way shape or form.

Sort out markets for waste and let us sort out the rest.

## Geographical area of the levy

### 1 Are there opportunities for the recovery of regional waste that would be made more viable by a regional waste levy?

No. The larger regional areas are already doing what they can.

Sort out markets and give us a place or company that will take the product and we will get it to them

### 2 Where are these opportunities most likely to be viable?

### 3 What rate of waste levy could be required to make them viable?

### 4 Under specific circumstances, it is possible that an expanded waste levy area could make evasion less financially attractive. How does the cost of transporting waste over long distances compare with the cost of the levy?

No. We do not have evasion in our area.

5 What other advantages or disadvantages could arise from a regional waste levy?

Dumping of waste in crown land.

Dumping of and burning of waste on farms.

Increased costs which may result in loss of services

Councils handing waste management to the state government.

Hoarding of waste materials with the resultant health and environmental issues

Waste management options to be levied

1 Waste Strategy 2030 proposes that by 2020, only residual waste will be used for energy recovery. How will this requirement affect your waste management operations?

wont effect our operations

2 Would a waste levy on energy recovery have a different effect on your operations?

Not at this stage

3 Are there any other waste management options where applying a levy could help achieve the objective of Waste Strategy 2030?

No

Other improvements to the waste levy

1 What other changes to the design or implementation of the waste levy could help make it more effective or efficient in achieving the targets of Waste Strategy 2030?

Put all of the levy monies collected into developing markets for waste and transport. Set up markets in regional areas.

Stop beating local governments with a big stick all of the time and do something constructive such as sorting out markets and transport.

Local government is only in the waste business historically due to the requirements of the Health Act for public health reasons.

You can place levies left, right and centre and it will not make a jot of difference unless you provide a place for the waste collected to be recycled or otherwise dealt with other than land filling.

Also how about hitting up the manufacturers and retailers of goods to the public that end up as the waste that local governments need to deal with. you missed an excellent opportunity for this to happen with the container deposit scheme.